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WORKMEN KILLED BY MOLTEN METAL

Explosion Wrecks Converter at Edgar Thomson Steel Works

TWO KILLED, FIFTEEN HURT

Many Tons of Metal Dropped Into the Pit Among the Workers

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Two men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in converter No. 3 of the Edgar Thomson plant of the U. S. Steel Corporation at North Bradock, seven miles east of here, today.

The two men killed were foreigners. Six of the men injured were Americans, and the other a Slav. All were removed to an hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not serious.

No official statement of the cause of the explosion has been issued, but old converter mill men say the cause could hardly be other than that some of the molten metal sifted through the soapstone lining of the converter and came in contact with the steel sheathing, which perhaps was damp. When the explosion occurred the bottom of the converter dropped out, throwing 1,500 tons of molten metal in the pit where fifteen men were working at the ladies. There was no explosion when the hot mass of steel struck the bottom of the pit, but instead flames of burning gas were sent up which burned the men in the pit.

The two men who were killed had been working under the converter, and their bodies were terribly mangled. The force of the explosion blew the sheet iron roof off of the converter mill and caused two of the walls to collapse, besides breaking all the windows in the vicinity.

It partially destroyed the warehouses near the converting shed.

Suddenly Death at Nicola
Nicola, Jan. 1.—George Hilliard, hotelkeeper and formerly blacksmith of Nicola, died very suddenly of heart failure. About three months ago he went into the hotel business and leased the Riley house. He had only been in business about a month when the building with all its contents was consumed by fire, many of the boarders narrowly escaping with their lives. Later the license he held was cancelled.

Farmer's Mysterious Death.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 1.—John A. Burton, a farmer living four miles north of Churchville, was found dead today. Shortly before noon a hired man employed by Mr. Burton, and who has always gone under the name of "Shorty," appeared at the house of a neighbor and said that he believed his employer was dead. The neighbors immediately started for the Burton home, and when they reached it they found the house in a state of confusion. With his head resting on the floor, lay the body of the dead farmer. Burton was forty years of age, and lived on the farm with only the hired man.

PLATINUM IN CARIBOO

Samples of Black Sand Analysed Show Three Ounces of Metal to the Ton

Ashcroft, Jan. 1.—Some time ago samples of black sand from the property of James Deacon at Quesnel were sent to W. E. Baldwin of Glens Falls, N. Y., by C. H. Unverzagt. Mr. Baldwin reported the results of his analysis in the following letter to Mr. Unverzagt:

Dear Sir—When I was in your city last I called on you and you will remember you gave me a sample of sand which you thought contained platinum. I find that this sand contains about 3 ounces of platinum to the ton. If your people can concentrate this material and can get large quantities it would probably pay to work. Suppose you investigate and then give me another sample to investigate."

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UNUSUAL WEDDING

Dumb Bride and Groom Principals in Ceremony Performed at Winnipeg Institute

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The sequel to a happy little love affair and a quiet wedding, which had spread itself over four long years, was a wedding which occurred yesterday morning at the deaf and dumb institute when Edward A. Leslie, of Cupard, Sask., and Rose A. Moore, of Toronto, were united in marriage.

The wedding was quiet in more ways than one, as applied to the general run of quiet weddings. There was not much fuss or excitement, no carriages waited outside the scene of the event, no scented guests were ushered in with the swish of silk garments, no flowers adorned the sanctuary, and no spoken farewells bade the united couple joy in their united lives. In this respect it was quiet. But in other ways it was a quiet affair. Beyond the voice of the minister who read slowly and deliberately the beautiful service, not a whisper was heard from beginning to end. Both contracting parties were mute, the interpreter was mute in his presentation of the ceremony, and the witnesses were mute.

The intelligent bride and happy groom nodded their heads in assent or approval of the sentences mutely and yet beautifiedly expressed by Principal McDermid, who took his cue from Rev. Dr. Rose, while reading the ceremony aloud. No one could fail to understand the beautiful, smooth word actions and gesticulations by Dr. McDermid. The solemnity of his gestures added force to the ceremony. The event took place in the lecture room of the deaf and dumb institute.

BOMBS NUMEROUS IN SPANISH CITY

Extra Measures Taken to Suppress Anarchism in Barcelona

Barcelona, Jan. 1.—In consequence of the renewal of the campaign of bomb outrages by local anarchists, King Alfonso has signed a decree provisionally suspending a portion of the constitutional guarantees in this city. In the last few days five infernal machines deposited in various parts of the city exploded without causing damage. Last night, however, a policeman found a large one on the doorstep of a mansion. In carrying it away the machine exploded, badly mangling the officer, injuring several bystanders and partially wrecking surrounding buildings. The police man died tonight.

Kildonan Presbyterians.

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The Kildonan Presbyterian congregation will hold special services on Sunday, which is the 54th anniversary of the opening of their church. This is the oldest Presbyterian congregation in western Canada.

Victim of Coal Gas.

Caron, Sask., Jan. 1.—Harry Baker, living near Lake Valley, was found in a dying condition in his home by neighbors. Before retiring he filled his stove with briquettes of coal, leaving the lids partly off. The escaping gas is supposed to be responsible for his condition. Two doctors worked over him until the afternoon, when Baker died.

Bomb Factory Found.

Sebastopol, Russia, Jan. 1.—One of the most complete bomb factories ever discovered in Russia has been unearthed at a farmhouse twenty miles from here. It consists of a complete apparatus for manufacturing high explosives. Twenty-seven loaded bombs of the most destructive type, one hundred and twenty such implements in an unfinished condition, were seized and three men were arrested at the house.

Ladysmith Man's Death.

Nanaimo, Jan. 1.—The death occurred at Nanaimo hospital of Edward Mulholland of Ladysmith. Mr. Mulholland was proprietor of the Ladysmith hotel, and was very well known throughout the district. He formerly resided in Nanaimo. He was injured in the Extension mines several years ago, the same day that the late John Haddow met his death. Since that accident he has never been the same physically, having undergone several operations, the last of which was on Monday.

Youthful Murderer.

Gretna, Man., Jan. 1.—James O'Brien, the sixteen-year-old self-confessed slayer of Arthur Leclaire at Neeche a week ago last Sunday, was brought from the Pembina county jail at Pembina to Neeche today to attend the inquest, and he retold his confession, made to Detective Crawford at Pembina. The confession was almost word for word that related to the detective. On the conclusion of his story of the murder, the coroner's jury returned a verdict that the crime was committed by James O'Brien with a hatchet.

Wart Conciliation Board.

Halifax, Jan. 1.—After an all-day session, at which the differences between the Dominion Coal company and employees were discussed in a conciliatory manner, the P.W.A. grand council decided to ask for the appointment of a board of conciliation under the Lemieux act to deal with all questions, and appointed Dr. A. S. Kendall, M. P. E., as their representative. Formal application will be made in a few days, and the board constituted as quickly as possible, and within a few weeks should be sitting at Glace Bay. The chief questions in dispute are that skilled laborers and certain classes of mechanics be given fifteen per cent raise, without which, the men claim, owing to the increased cost of living, they cannot exist; supply of powder; extra pay for nightwork; house fuel and some technical changes.

Talk of Second Coffin.

London, Jan. 1.—The attorneys of George Holloman Druse, the claimant for the vast estate of the Duke of Portland, and for the Duke's title, have given out a statement expressing dissatisfaction over the conduct of the exhumation of the body of Thomas Charles Druse, because the floor of the vault was not opened. They say that their representative at the exhumation was instructed to demand that this be done, because they had received letters that a second coffin containing lead would be found there.

ARMED JAPANESE ATTACK FIREMEN

Three Members of Vancouver Department Are Badly Wounded

SLASHED WITH KNIVES

One May Be Mortally Injured—Affair Result of an Accident

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 1.—Three city firemen, Frost, Anderson and McDonald, were set upon by a small mob of knife-armed Japanese early this morning at the corner of Powell street and Gore avenue, two blocks from the police station.

The men were clothed in distinctive uniforms, with brass buttons, and the attack of the Japanese is all the more serious for that reason.

By accident Frost fell against the window of a Japanese store and smashed the plate glass. In an instant the Japanese proprietor rushed out. Many of his countrymen immediately came to join in the fight for it was in the center of the Japanese district that the incident occurred.

The firemen are athletic young men but they were overpowered after a fight, when the flesh of their faces had been torn into ribbons by the razor-like knives the Orientals carried.

Frost is probably mortally hurt, for his neck was cut and slashed and laid open for four inches, and two inches deep, alongside the jugular vein. The men were frightfully mangled but McDonald and Anderson were still fighting over the body of Frost when a squad of police arrived.

Four Japanese were arrested and the three firemen were taken to the hospital.

The Japanese fought like demons, and some of the knives they carried were a foot long.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS BAR ROOM BRAWL

Joseph Ethier Dies in Vancouver From Wound—Assassin in Custody

BALLOONS IN WAR

Lieutenant Laha Predicts Important Part for Dirigible Ships of the Air

Washington, Jan. 1.—Lieutenant F. P. Laham, U. S. A., who in September, 1906, won for the United States the international balloon contest in France, and who has returned to this country after four years spent in Europe, will report to General Allen, chief of the signal corps, for duty at Washington.

Defenders of Dr. Hanna say the alleged incriminating passages are only the exposition of thoughts of other writers. Dr. Hanna believing that the time had not yet come for the construction of a perfect theological treatise on the human knowledge of Christ.

Passengers through halls and elevators found wheat falling in showers from the galleries. Next came sacks of flour. There would be a yell of "Stand from under" and down would plump two or three pounds of flour on some one's head or hat.

Just as the gong sounded the pit was crowded, hands were joined and songs were sung. Before the last note died away wheat and flour were flying in clouds, and the members looked like millers. After playing for another ten minutes three chimes and a tiger were given with a will and the market for 1907, for good or ill, was closed. The trading room looked like chaos, but a happier bunch it would be hard to find.

GRAIN MEN LARK

Members of Winnipeg Exchange Indulge in Characteristic Celebration at Close of Year

Winnipeg, Jan. 1.—The closing of the market of 1907 on the Winnipeg grain exchange was celebrated in right royal style. Half an hour before the close it was fashionable to wear your collar turned up. Showers of wheat came first, merely thrown in handfuls, then small sacks went sailing through the air and bang against the blackboard. Wheat went flying in all directions.

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Montreal Bank Clearings

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The bank clearings in Montreal for the year ending yesterday, totalled \$1,656,590,000 compared with \$1,533,557,000 last year; increase, \$22,155,000.

Russian Empress' Illness

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—It is learned that the present condition of the Empress Alexandra, who has been ill for some time from the grippe and in a weakened condition as the result of a severe regimen to reduce her weight, is complicated by expectations of childbirth.



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COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOW BEFORE

Vancouver Liberals Guessing Who Will Be Candidate at Next Election

The political game, if game it be, is somewhat unsettled in the city of Vancouver. While there is considerable guessing as to who will be the Conservative candidate bound for victory, there is even more uncertainty as to who will carry the banner for the followers of Sir Wilfrid. The lack of any information regarding the movements or curves of R. G. MacPherson, member pro tem., is causing the goblins of the Liberal ranks to do some exceedingly tall guessing. Their success in guessing, marred though it may have been by the obstruction of W. W. E. McInnes at the recent provincial elections, has not been encouraging. But this of course increases the interest.

As in previous election campaigns, the final choice regarding the matter appears to rest with Robert Kelly, who is said not to dislike being credited with being the Liberal boss of Vancouver. But even Mr. Macpherson can be like a clam to Mr. Kelly. Recently Mr. Kelly and Senator Templeman are believed to have discussed the question, but Mr. Macpherson was out of the city at that time, and if he had been in town it is not at all unlikely that he would not have been invited to the conference. As Mr. Kelly oftentimes sagaciously tells his friends, there's a great deal that can happen between now and election day, especially when election day is as far off as next year.

ENGLISH CATHEDRALS

Hard to Maintain Them Since Their Revenues Have Been Taken

The Primate, at the concluding sitting of his primary visitation at Canterbury, remarked that it was a prosaic question to ask whether the cathedral body had within recent years been able to find sufficient funds for maintaining its structural security and artistic beauty a building which was not merely a monument whereof Christendom was proud, but a living place of divine service in the largest and most varied sense of that weighty word service. vast sum had been spent in Canterbury and elsewhere in the way of caring for every inch of what was old, and making safe that which was imperilled. Whence was the money to come?

Forthwith they were reminded that property which once belonged to our cathedrals and was at the disposal of their custodians, was now in its increased value applied in accordance with the intention of the original owners, and this, while the fabrics of our cathedrals were in need of larger outlay than could be very readily supplied. If the funds annually at the disposal of the cathedral's administration were not more than half what was now produced every year from property which was once its own, it may be supposed that the purpose for which those moneys were applied, and that people had come forward to help our cathedrals. In the case of Canterbury 34,000 pounds had been given in twelve months by those outside London Standard.

Capuzzo's Sentence.

New York, Jan. 1.—Giuseppe Capuzzo, alias Charles Davis, who had been on trial for killing Sophie Kehler last July, was convicted today of murder in the second degree, and immediately sentenced to not less than 20 years in prison.

Charged With Theft

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 1.—Cecil S. Simpson, local agent of the Canadian Express Company, was arrested today on a charge of embezzlement of the company's funds to the amount of about \$2,100. Simpson was remanded until Friday. Ball was released. Simpson is a native of Berlin, about 26 years of age, and very popular.

COMPETITION TAKES PLACE IN FEBRUARY

Announcement of Contest for Governor General's Prize is Received in City

During the week of February 24 the second competition for the Earl Grey musical and dramatic trophy will take place at Ottawa. A circular to that effect has been issued by F. C. T. O'Hara, the secretary of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

The rules are as follows:

The second annual competition for the trophies offered by His Excellency the Governor-General will take place at Ottawa during the week commencing February 24, 1908.

The competition is open to all amateur companies in Canada and Newfoundland. The executive committee, however, reserve the right to reduce the number of entries from any one city or province in case the total number of entries exceeds the number which can be handled conveniently during the week of the competition at Ottawa.

All entries must be filled with the honorary secretary on or before February 24, but it is especially desired that all companies intending to compete should notify the honorary secretary at the earliest possible moment.

The entertainment given by each company shall be limited to one hour and a half, including all intervals for changes of scenery, etc.

The character of the entertainment (musical or theatrical) shall be absolutely in the discretion of the respective companies.

The number of performers in each musical or dramatic company shall be limited to 75.

Each company entering the dramatic competition shall comply with the following conditions:

No person who has within the past five years lived by the profession of the drama is eligible. It is not intended to exclude players who, while the drama is not their main calling, have accepted nominal pay from amateur dramatic associations. The stage manager only may be a professional.

Each company entering the musical competition shall comply with the following conditions:

Companies of from 25 to 50 members inclusive may include four professional singers or eight professional instrumentalists, and companies of from 60 to 75 members, 10 per cent. professional singers or 20 per cent. professional instrumentalists, provided these professionals are bona fide members of the organization entered for the competition, and are not paid for their services in the competition performances or the rehearsals therefor. Companies under 25 must not have any professionals.

(a) Any person who has within the last five years lived by the profession of music, or been paid for services by church choirs or amateur musical organizations, is to be classed as a professional.

(b) Musicians who, while music is not their main calling, have accepted nominal pay from church choirs or amateur musical organizations, may be classed as amateurs.

Orchestras, band and choirs which, as such bodies, have been paid at any time for performances, either private or public, shall be excluded.

Conductors, so long as they are the regular conductors of the organization entered, may be either professional for amateur and be paid for their services.

Choirs or opera companies may have either professional or amateur orchestras as accompaniment, but if the former, the orchestral work shall not count in the score except for general effect.

The choral or instrumental programme shall be left to the choice of the competing organizations, but it is suggested that choirs choose some choral work, or part of one.

The executive committee will, however, select one short piece of music for choirs (for male, female or mixed bodies) and another for instrumental organizations (string or brass) which shall be included in the programme. The selection will be made in ample time for the necessary rehearsals. This clause does not apply to opera companies.

The following are the principal qualities by which the dramatic competition will be judged:

1. Originality of production, if written by an amateur.

2. Stage setting.

3. Excellence of the company in acting together as a unit.

4. The promptness of entrances, exits, and the picking up of cues.

5. Grace or ease of carriage and manner.

6. Diction.

7. Dress.

8. Make-up.

The following are the principal qualities by which the musical competition will be judged:

1. Attack, precision, accuracy.

2. Intonation (playing or singing in tune), quality of tone.

3. Technical proficiency.

4. Expression, interpretation.

5. General effect.

Each company must state for which trophy it desires to compete, and comply with the rules accordingly.

In order that the competition committee may have some idea as to the character of the entertainment to be given, for the purpose of arranging the programme during the competition week, full information should be forwarded as early as possible to the honorary secretary as to:

(a) Title of production.

(b) Author or composer.

(c) Estimated number of performers.

(d) Synopsis.

(e) Casts.

It would save much trouble and possible misunderstanding if competing companies could arrange to send their stage manager a few days in advance. This, however, is merely a suggestion.

Opportunity will be given for rehearsals in the theatre as far as possible, commensurate with the number of competing companies requesting the same privileges.

Each competing company is expected to pay its own expenses, and as the various companies are representing their respective cities or towns for the honor of winning his excellency's trophy, it is thought possible that municipalities sending such representative companies may assist in defraying all, or a portion of their expenses.

The active members of all competing companies will be given complimentary admission to all performances.

The executive committee at Ottawa has assumed all the expenses in connection with the rent and attendants of the theatre, programmes and the theatre orchestra for the competition week.

WE DESIRE TO THANK the citizens of Victoria for their kind patronage during the past year and hope to merit a continuance of the same for 1908.

To One and All We Extend

Hearty Wishes for the New Year

THE RESULT OF THE RANGE CONTEST

Number Registered in December Was 5223

	No. Estimated
Winning Ticket No. 9,537	5,222
Winning Ticket No. 796	5,222
Winning Ticket No. 2,602	5,224
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As no one estimated the correct number registered, the \$50.00 in cash will be divided equally between the holders of the above numbered tickets.

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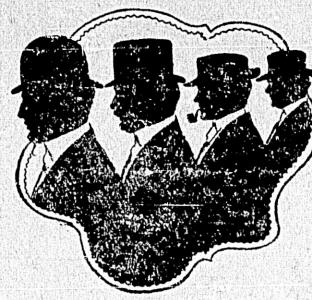
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REVENUE COLLECTIONS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Total For Past Year Shows Twenty Per Cent. Increase Over 1906

The inland revenue returns for the city of Victoria, for the past year show a remarkable growth which reflects the general increase of trade here. Not an item in the list of imports but shows a substantial increase over those of the previous year. The total collections for the year were \$222,550.58, compared with the 1906 total of \$187,451.86, an increase of \$34,898.72, or 20 per cent. The following table shows the monthly collections in each article, with the totals for the year compared with the previous year:

1907.	Spirits.	Malt.	Tobacco.	Cigars.	Raw Leaf.	Licenses.	Methyl.	Other.	Totals.
January ... \$ 11,216 70	\$ 1,749 51	\$ 2,395 63	\$ 874 50	\$ 371 70	\$ 102 81	\$ 156 60	\$ 16,866 45		
February ... 8,537 23	1,593 47	3,054 64	851 53	311 00	.....	.....	25 90	14,473 77	
March ... 9,629 04	2,513 30	2,693 24	1,833 20	348 10	.....	.....	1,600	16,532 88	
April ... 9,911 52	2,738 30	3,268 25	895 35	412 90	1,315 00	99 16	24 60	18,675 08	
May ... 9,280 21	2,833 31	4,359 36	1,964 20	526 96	.....	89 47	556 10	18,903 91	
June ... 13,161 44	3,351 89	4,491 75	1,391 25	460 80	20 00	.....	280 80	23,157 93	
July ... 10,904 26	2,940 39	4,099 75	1,236 00	516 66	.....	.....	171 30	19,929 26	
August ... 11,212 87	4,135 81	2,066 25	1,288 35	412 80	.....	.....	176 38	19,289 46	
September ... 10,731 25	1,851 94	2,187 00	880 35	444 30	.....	.....	80 22	16,15 06	
October ... 13,350 20	2,670 10	4,564 38	1,140 00	431 80	.....	.....	32 54	22,189 02	
November ... 9,826 38	1,824 57	2,420 37	1,290 00	446 10	128 34	15,935 76	
December ... 13,796 56	2,605 19	1,850 00	1,257 50	460 50	258 23	20,222 00	
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ELOPEMENT CASE

Jere Knodle Cooke May Not Be Taken East Unless His Wife Commences Proceedings

New York, Jan. 1.—"I will immediately ask for the extradition of Jere Knodle Cooke, who eloped with Floretta Whaley, of Hempstead, Long Island, just as soon as I receive word from Mrs. Cooke that he is to be made defendant in abandonment proceedings," said District Attorney Franklin A. Coles, of Nassau county, tonight.

"Under present circumstances I do not see any other way open to me," he added. "I shall be glad to have him brought back and tried for whatever crime in Nassau county grand jury indicts him, but I do not feel like sending three thousand miles for him unless his wife takes the initiative. I am waiting to hear from her."

Mrs. Cooke has not expressed a desire to have Mr. Cooke brought back.

The McClary Manufacturing company, of London, distributed 670 turkeys among the married employees for Christmas.

NEW YEAR RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Some Three Hundred and Fifty Persons Call and Pay Their Respects

Some three hundred and fifty people attended the New Year's day reception at government house yesterday and shook hands with his honor the Lieutenant Governor. Among those who registered their names in the visitors book on that occasion were:

The Bishop of Columbia, A. W. Harvey, E. P. Colley, G. J. Wallace, W. E. Fisher, C. E. Clarke, W. J. Sutton, Wm. Cuthbert Holmes, H. Cuthbert Holmes, J. T. Burns, J. B. and C. P. McMilligan, Dr. G. L. Milne, W. K. Houston, W. H. and T. S. Bone, Judge Harrison, Col. Holmes, D.O.C., Capt. P. Elliston, D.S.A., Capt. W. J. H. Holmes, Ernest A. Harris, E. E. Blackwood, J. McArthur, P. A. Raymond, John McArthur, Simon and Max Leesler, M. J. Briones, Edgar Pawlett, A. J. and H. E. Dallin, Hon. H. E. Young, H. Thomson, M.P.P., Capt. Learmouth, R.N., Lieut. Douglas, R.N., Lieut. Harvey, R.N., Surgeon Davidson, R.N., Geo. Phillips, C. Scott Whiting, H. A. S. Morley, W. Upton Runnalls, R. W. Perry, Artur and Jesse Longfield, Sydney Child, A. J. Kito, C. Potts, C. F. Moore, B. C. Mess, W. J. Allan, Major A. Ridgway Wilson, Lieut.-Col. J. A. Haas, Major A. W. Currie, Major Hibben, Capt. R. Angus, Capt. L. Booth, Capt. W. N. Whinsby, Lieut. B. J. Prior, Lieut. P. T. Stern, Lieut. R. V. Clark, W. Marchant, A. B. McNeill, W. Humphrey, W. A. Gleason, A. Henderson, G. F. Grant, W. P. Grant, R. H. Jamieson, J. R. Mackie, G. D. Mason, Capt. George, A. George, S. Porter, C. J. Beadle, J. P. Mann, R. W. Mason, E. J. Townsley, Capt. W. J. and H. W. F. Rant, H. M. Johnson, F. H. Worlock, N. F. Ferris, C. D. Neroutos, W. G. M. Ralston, Fitzherbert Bullen, R. P. Bishop, E. Mohun, T. Shotbolt, W. Christie, E. D. Campbell, J. A. Lindsay, E. Baynes Reed, Dr. A. C. McMicking, R. M. McMicking, Dr. B. M. and E. M. Loveman, D. Fraser, D. A. Fraser, J. A. Gould, J. M. Langley, A. Campbell McCallum, W. A. Jones, J. A. Scott, Howard Potts, R. F. Taylor, E. N. and E. A. Hiscocks, W. S. Stewart, G. Macdonald, H. A. Ross, Beaumont Boggs, A. Beaumont Boggs, R. George, F. E. Niven, A. H. Maclean, C. F. Davey, Arthur Davis, J. A. Aikman, Lieut. Col. Wolfenden, D. A. Mackintosh, C. B. Simes, Canon Beanlands, B. Heistman, C. W. Rhodes, J. W. Ambrey, Capt. J. W. Troup, F. B. Pemberton, J. B. Hobson, Capt. Michell, W. C. Maitre, A. B. Fraser senior and junior, G. G. Fraser, H. D. Parzean, W. E. Staneland, G. T. J. Jones, C. and G. W. Banffyde, B. Daniell, J. K. Rebeck, Chas. Hayward, L. J. Peake, E. E. Hayward, W. S. Fraser, L. R. Davis, R. Bevan, F. Bennett, J. Foreman, E. S. Jeppson, B. Schwengeler, Richard Hall, J. C. Janion, Stewart Williams, W. Curtis Simpson, Alex. Wilson, W. Walker, C. E. Redfern, J. Bell, W. A. Robertson, T. J. W. Hick, C. R. Blake, A. G. King senior and junior, E. King, A. Andrew, D. B. McLaren, W. A. H. Kithen, W. A. Robbins, W. and H. G. Dally, M. A. D. Parzean, H. P. O'Farrell, C. H. Arundell, C. H. Lugrin, D. Dolg, H. Chapman, Senator Riley, F. Elworthy, Rev. P. Jennings, A. C. Flumerell, A. J. C. Galette, D. R. Ken, O. E. Martin, R. Martin, H. H. Dunn, H. C. Bennett, Sydney Roberts, E. B. Marvin, Major J. M. and G. W. Mutter, J. S. Bailey, T. D. Neitch, L. S. V. and J. W. York, J. W. Laing, E. B. Baldwin, F. G. Warner, Capt. J. T. Walbran, P. M. Logan, J. Heyland, C. E. Berkeley, J. W. D. S. and C. and M. D. Spencer, E. B. McKay, E. G. Gillie, Sheriff Hall, D. A. Hall, R. W. Eaton, C. M. MacDonald, A. Watson, Thos. Watson, A. J. Morris, J. A. Browne, J. Nelson, A. J. Brace, W. A. Bruce, W. W. Atkins, A. H. and W. P. Plott, S. J. Pitts, J. W. Whitney, R. P. Wilton, C. T. Drake, Dr. J. G. Hands, Thornton, F. L. Fraser, Fred Davy, J. Cochran, F. B. Smith, J. Y. Collison, H. E. A. Courtney, L. A. Finch, K. W. Worfold, Sheriff F. E. Richards, S. W. Edwards, Dr. Lewis Hall, A. McKeown, W. W. Northcott, E. V. Bodewell, K. C. P. J. Riddell, H. A. Morley, A. Smith, Leary, J. B. Baker, Alister Robertson, S. and H. Martin, P. Oldham, J. A. Mitchell, L. Jones, R. Mackenzie, G. D. Christie, O. W. Nelson, F. C. Brewer, H. A. Bulwer, W. W. Wilson, F. L. White, P. and J. O'Reilly, C. T. Cross, Dr. J. W. Todd, S. J. Wootten, W. F. and Arthur Robertson, G. L. Courtney, B. H. Rickaby, A. E. McPhillips, M. P. J. G. Brown, G. Pauline, H. P. Collis, H. Leiser, G. P. Gardner, S. P. Moody, W. S. Nelson, G. C. Mesher, T. A. Cross, J. Holmes, Rev. J. McCoy, T. W. Bass, W. Bartron, C. Holmes, C. W. Holden, B. Stilton, S. Row, W. S. Barton, A. T. R. Blackwood, J. F. Ritchie, H. F. Langton, W. Blakemore, Hon. A. E. Smith, Lamburn and Thos. Wilson, R. H. Wilson, C. H. Topp, H. Dallas Helmenken, K. C.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Le Sueur—Johnson

The marriage of Harold Payne Le Sueur, third son of Walter Payne Le Sueur of this city, to Beatrice, eldest daughter of Edward Mainwaring Johnson, also of this city, took place in Vancouver recently. Rev. Wilson, M. A., officiated.

When the Stomach, Heart, or Kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the Stomach, nor stimulate the Heart or Kidney. That is simply a mistake. Get a prescription drawn down to Drugists everywhere. Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly health will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Cyrus H. Bowes.

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An Indian named John Summers, of Oneida, was run down and cut to pieces by a Michigan Central train near St. Thomas.

MAMMOTH JANUARY SALE

CAMPBELL'S

MAMMOTH JANUARY SALE

Commences 9 a.m.
Today



Ladies' Night Dresses

WHITE AND STRIPED FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES.	Regular price \$1.00. Our Sale Price 85c
HEAVY WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	nicely ruffled. Regular price \$1.25. Our Sale Price 90c
WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	embroidery trimmed. Regular price \$1.40. Our Sale Price \$1.00
PRETTY WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	lace trimmed, silk embroidered. Regular price \$1.75. Our Sale Price \$1.25
WHITE AND CREAM FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	trimmed with silk embroidery and ribbon. Regular price \$2.00. Our Sale Price, \$1.50
EXTRA GOOD WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	trimmed with fine lace and embroidery. Regular price \$2.25. Our Sale Price, \$1.75
VERY EXCELLENT WHITE FLANNELETTE NIGHTDRESSES,	daftly trimmed with silk embroidery and lace. Regular price \$3.00. Our Sale Price \$2.25

Commences 9 a.m.
Today



Underwear

LADIES' VESTS AND DRAWERS,	in white and natural, fleece lined. Regular price, per garment, 40c Our Sale Price 25c
LADIES' VESTS AND DRAWERS,	in white and natural, extra fine fleece lined. Regular price, per garment, 75c. Our Sale Price 50c
LADIES' VESTS AND DRAWERS,	in white, special fleece lining. Regular price, per garment, 60c. Our Sale Price 35c
ON THIS TABLE	we have heaped up a large number of sample Suits of Ladies' Vests and Drawers, very reliable goods, in cashmere and all-wool. Regular price, per garment, \$1.25. Our Sale Price 50c

Hosiery

CAMPBELL'S BEST SILKETTE LADIES' HOSE,	high spiced heels, strong double soles, Hermisdorf dye, Regular price 35c. Our Sale Price 25c
CAMPBELL'S LLAMA HOSE,	seamless, guaranteed fast dye, in blacks and tans. Regular price, per pair, 40c. Our Sale Price 30c
CAMPBELL'S LISLE HOSE,	Hermisdorf dye, double sole, extra high spiced heels. Regular price, per pair, 50c. Our Sale Price 40c
TRANSPARENT LISLE HOSE,	splashed seams, double soles, extra high spiced heels. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c
EMPIRE LISLE HOSE,	lace ankles, all colors. Regular price, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c
SPECIAL BLACK CASHMERE HOSE,	silk embroidered fronts, worth every lady's attention. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c
SPECIAL LACE FRONT CASHMERE HOSE,	something extra smart and good. Regular price, per pair, 60c. Our Sale Price 50c



Flannelette Drawers

In White and Cream, nicely ruffled. Regular price 50c. Our Sale Price 35c
In Pink and White, prettily trimmed. Regular price 60c. Our Sale Price 45c
In White, hemstitched ruffles. Regular price, 70c. Our Sale Price 50c
In White, with deep embroidered frills. Regular price 90c. Our Sale Price 75c



Flannelette Underskirts

In White and Cream, nicely trimmed, deep flounce. Regular price 90c. Our Sale Price 75c
In White, trimmed with embroidery and insertion. Regular price \$1.25. Our Sale Price 90c

Fancy Flannelette Dressing Gowns

In Fancy Flannelette, blue, red, pink, mauve, cardinal, fitted with large collars. Regular price \$1.75. Our Sale Price \$1.25

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MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS.

The interviews printed in yesterday's Colonist were interesting and timely. Our only regret is that it was impossible during the previous day to secure expressions of opinion from more of the city's representative men, but it will not be disputed that those who were seen have voiced the general sentiments of the community. All were in accord as to the exceptional prosperity of 1907 and the good prospects for 1908. All agreed as to the need of a campaign for municipal betterment. The points dwelt upon were:

An improved water supply,
Better fire protection,
Better streets,
Additional terminal facilities.

These are severely practical matters, and they should be dealt with in a practical way by practical men. They should be attacked with courage and determination. For reasons into which we shall not at this time inquire, a policy of procrastination has prevailed and the result is that a number of serious problems present themselves at the same time, problems which cannot be shirked but for which the citizens must find some solution in keeping with the growing importance of the city.

During the last year or two there has been a good deal of talk about these things. If words could accomplish anything in the way of permanent improvement, our city would be a model; but while we have all been talking, things have been drifting and, there is no use mincing matters at all, the city has got itself into a very bad shape.

Fortunately it is not such a shape that everything cannot be easily set right. All that is needed is that the men who realize what is needed, and who have no fads to advocate, and no personal ambitions to promote will unite in an effort to set right those things which have gone wrong and to undertake those projects which all concede are absolutely necessary for the city's welfare.

The government of a city is simply a business proposition and in Victoria it is not as great in a pecuniary sense as some of the private business enterprises that are being successfully carried on. Now there is not a business in Victoria, no matter how good a credit or how plethoric a bank account is behind it, which would not go to smash in short order if the people carrying it on were thinking about something else all the time, and shaping their policy according to its possible effects upon the votes of the electors. Victoria needs a city government composed of men who will not give a second thought to their chances for re-election, but will go on in the discharge of their duty as business men, having no other object in mind than to do what is best for the city.

We need a mayor who will be satisfied with leaving a record of a term of office in which a substantial advance has been made in the solution of our municipal problems, and aldermen who will do their duty as business men without troubling themselves how the voters in any particular section of the city will act if they should happen to seek re-election. We need a council board composed of men who will have both eyes on the city's interest and not have one of them directed upon their present popularity and the other squinting in the same direction.

Let us, therefore, talk less and do more, and the first thing to be done is at the ballot boxes when the municipal elections come on. Let the people of this town, who have its interest at heart, devote a little of their time to municipal affairs during the next fortnight. It is perfectly idle to claim that there is no remedy for the chaotic conditions which have prevailed during the last two years. If there is to be another year of inaction and fruitless bickering the fault will be with the people themselves. It cannot be claimed that the city papers have not tried to do their duty. The Times and Colonist have not always been able to agree as to details of municipal government, but we have both been inspired by the desire to arouse the citizens to a sense of duty sufficiently to lead them to act with vigor and persistency in bringing about a better condition of things. The case is "up to" the citizens, to you, who read this article, just as much as anyone else. Have you done your duty as a citizen to make Victoria what it ought to be? If you have, keep on doing it; if you have not, and the chances are that way, do your duty. There must be united action and the one thing that seems imperative is vigorous leadership, not necessarily, or desirably by one individual, but by a representative body of citizens.

SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Did you ever think over the significance of the racket which takes place on the streets on New Year's Eve? We do not mean the manner in which the younger portion of the community sees fit to celebrate the fact that a new year is about to begin, but that a gathering of boys of both sexes and varying anywhere between six and sixty get out on the streets and, unmolested, make a hideous din. Perhaps it never occurred to you that this is a demonstration of popular government, the untrained expression of self-governing people. On New Year's Eve the most mischievous youngster between the ages aforesaid would, with a perfect confidence of his immunity from interference, sound some noise producing weapon under the very nose of the most dignified of all our guardians of the peace, but the said guardians, with wise discretion, perhaps out of a due regard to the necessity of preserving their dignity for use on proper occasions, manage to efface themselves for the time being, although if their services happened to be wanted, they would be found not very far away. Everybody makes a racket and nobody cares, because everyone knows that when everyone gets tired he will go home and straightway become a peaceful, law-abiding, decorous citizen, who would no more think of ringing a cow bell in the street than of trying to cross Government street without looking where he was going. There are countries in the world where this sort of thing could not be, where the streets would be patrolled by mounted men on the alert to see that no enemy of the government seized the occasion to arouse the populace to hostile demonstrations. But just fancy what sort of a reception a man would get in this city if on New Year's Eve he should mount a cart on, say, the corner of Government and Yates, and begin to harangue the people on their wrongs. He would be greeted with such a noise that he could not hear himself think. This seems to indicate that we live in a land of freedom and equal opportunity, and that even those people who profess to disbelieve it really admit it.

PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

Without wishing to be understood as in any way forecasting the work of the coming session of the legislature, and speaking only for ourselves, a duty which devolves upon the government and the other representatives of the people is to prepare for extensive provincial development. Broadly speaking, there have been two stages in provincial progress. One of these was the settlement of the southwestern section in which the early gold discoveries in the interior played a very important part. The second was the development of the southeastern section, due to the inauguration of metalliferous mining on a large scale.

We are about to enter upon third stage and it will embrace an area greater in magnitude than the other two combined. As the second stage resulted from the construction of the Canadian Pacific and the invasion of the province from the south by the Spokane & Northern, so the second stage will result from the construction of one and possibly several railway lines. The area embraced in the first stage not being very large, the public works which it called for were not extensive or expensive, at least at the beginning. The development of Kootenay was a much more costly work, but the government took hold of it courageously, and amid much adverse criticism and bitter hostility carried it through successfully. We do not say that events do not show how the policy of the Davie and Turner ministries might have been more wisely planned, but we are all of us a great deal wiser after the event. The fact remains to the credit of the men who committed the province to the indebtedness necessary to open Kootenay to settlement and enterprise, that splendid and profitable results crowned their courageous efforts.

The problem with which Mr. McBride and his colleagues are called upon to grapple is a far greater one than those with which their predecessors had to deal, although its solution will be rendered somewhat less difficult by reason of the success attending the efforts of previous ministers and the new appreciation of the potentialities of British Columbia, which is now manifest in a remarkable degree. It will call for large expenditures, and unfortunately the Dominion government, while recognizing this, has resolutely set its face against the concession of the reasonable demands made by the province in that behalf. A very large expenditure must be incurred in the near future, and there are only two ways in which it can be met, namely, by borrowing the money or by devising some plan whereby the revenue can be increased without imposing hardships upon those who have already borne and must continue to bear a heavy share in the cost of maintaining the government of the country. If it were possible to devise some plan whereby the areas to be developed could bear the greater part of the cost of development, it would only be equitable, but this is hardly possible. We assume, therefore, that the ingenuity of the government will have to be directed to devising ways and means of augmenting the revenue and yet leave the personal property, real estate and improvements within the settled areas as lightly burdened as possible. Ultimately we imagine it will be found necessary to leave towards renewing German-Canadian commercial relations."

for municipal purposes. The serious nature of the financial problem presented by the development of this vast province, the inhabitants of which will insist upon the appliances of an up-to-date and progressive civilization, has only to be carefully considered to be appreciated, and in our humble judgment the time has come when the people will have to contemplate a new departure. We repeat that in these observations the Colonist expresses its own views only, and they are freely expressed as a matter of public duty.

Canadians everywhere will evince a justifiable pride in the very gratifying showing in respect to the volume of business for the year just closed at the port of Montreal. The customs returns were some two millions greater than last year. This single statement may be taken as an excellent criterion of the general progress of the Dominion.

One of the extraordinary things to be noted during the closing months of 1907 was the unusually large number of colliery disasters. There was if the term is permissible, a regular epidemic of them. Sometimes one is inclined to speculate whether there may not be mysterious laws governing such occurrences. Are not most of us inclined to accept as quite accurate the adage "troubles seldom come singly?"

Mr. Flumerfelt thinks that all that Victorians need in order to achieve a monumental success in 1908 is "backbone and a firm determination to sink personal and petty differences in a united effort to develop and expand our wonderful resources." Readers of the Colonist have the best of reasons for knowing that we are in hearty and thorough accord with that sentiment. Victoria's only enemy is its own apathy. Let us all join hands in an effort to drive it from our midst.

Russia has thrown into prison a very large number of the foremost liberal leaders in the constitutional movement for several decades. The Czar's advisers seem to be succeeding admirably in damming the mouth of the stream, but will not the flood of discontent find an outlet in another direction? Unless the experience of all history is a cheat and a sham, there will at a very early date be such an upheaval in Russia as will put to the blush all records of previous revolts of the masses against the pressure of the iron heel of an unbearable tyranny.

Ned Hanlan, famed at one time as the champion oarsman of the world is reported to be dying at Toronto. Hanlan was in some respects the greatest professional sculler in the memory of the present generation. He not only held the championship against all comers for many years but was such a charming personality that he was lionized not by Canadians alone, but by all with whom he came in contact in his wide travels. Hanlan was a fine type of the good sportsman and since his retirement to the rear after a splendid record, none of his successors have filled the special niche which he occupied in the public eye, though his achievements as an oarsman in mile contests have been repeatedly surprised.

It is refreshing to find so calm and sane a view of the immigration problem in Canada as that taken by the secretary of the Empire Educational League. According to a Canadian Associated Press cable from London he said in a speech the other day: "There is no need of any man or woman, with a little patience, to be idle or unemployed in Canada, and in view of the hundreds of starving men striving to sell penny toys in Holborn, it is criminal to throw any damper on the zeal of the emigration societies." While there is general agreement that the present moment Canada's ability to absorb laborers, who have no other asset than their strong right arms, is exceedingly limited, this condition of affairs is abnormal, and as the situation will no doubt right itself shortly the sentiments expressed by the secretary of the Empire Education League are eminently proper, and are especially opportune at a time when certain of the newspapers of England seem to be taking a delight in misrepresenting the actual conditions prevailing in the Dominion.

Canadians have legitimate reasons for feeling a certain amount of pride and considerable satisfaction at the circumstances that the day has passed when the Dominion was regarded as an insignificant factor in the problem of international trade relations. Some shrewd observers in so powerful a nation as Germany are warning their government that a grave mistake would be made if Canada were left out of the calculations in framing new commercial treaties. A recent special London cable says: "The Borsen Courier of Berlin publishes a leading article on trade with Canada urging a change in tactics on the part of the German government. It regrets that no slight reference is made to Canada in the bill prolonging the provisional commercial arrangement with England until the end of 1909 which has just become law. 'We continue our present policy in respect of our commercial relations with Canada' it remarks. 'We run the risk of being left far behind in the race for trade with this thriving country which contains almost inconceivable possibilities of development. The interest of German trade and industry demand most urgently that the German Government shall now do something towards renewing German-Canadian commercial relations.'

The Trans-Mexico Route Up to the present there were two freight routes between Europe and British Columbia. Goods might be loaded on a vessel at some European port, carried across the Atlantic to this continent and taken across the continent by rail, or they might be carried by vessel around South America and discharged at a British Columbia port without transhipment. The cost of the carriage by water, as is well known, forms a basis in the arrangement of the rates by rail. The long rail journey is expensive, and for some low priced commodities is almost impracticable. It may, however, be a much more rapid service, and for that reason gets a large amount of business of high-priced goods, where early delivery is a consideration.

As Industrial Canada points out in its current number, a third route has just been completed, which will be watched with great interest. While the route has not yet been fully discussed and tested back and forth between different sets of public men and engineers at Washington, a work was being carried on, on the Central American Peninsula, in a part much farther north than Panama, which may be of importance in its relationship to the transportation problem of North America. The Trans-Andean Railroad was built—Winnipeg Free Press.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Victoria, B.C., 31st December, 1907.
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Dear Sirs—We have been requested by our superintendent in Vancouver to deliver to you the following message: "The authorities of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have been shown as despatch from Fennele reflecting on the bank. The statements made are absolutely untrue and without apparent foundation whatever, and all newspapers are warned that they are made with criminally malicious intent."

Yours faithfully,
GEO. GILLESPIE,
Manager.

• SPIRIT OF THE PRESS •**• POLITE PEOPLE •**

From the reliable administered to a Socialist deputy who had the bad taste to tell the truth about King Leopold, it would appear that the person of the King must be respected in Belgium by everybody but Leopold himself. The Belgians must be a polite people—Montreal Herald.

• HERO'S GOOD ADVICE •

In answer to an advertisement for a few house agents 200 men swarmed over the place in Toronto. If those men would get out in the country and work on the farms for their board during the winter they would have a far more comfortable life, and be in far better condition next spring than by chasing will-o'-the-wisps through city streets—Boycogen Independent.

• QUICK ASSIMILATION •

That was a fine tribute to the assimilating power of Canada paid her by a black-and-white advocate just out from London, at a "demonstration" of unemployed recently. He said that even Londoners three years out were worse than Canadians. They cut their hair short and shaved it behind, and called themselves "Canucks," and they didn't seem to have the least sympathy with the desires of the unemployed to be fed by the city—Montreal Herald.

• THE HOPE OF THE BAR •

Indeed, unless the barroom gathers in recruits to take the places of those patrons who have either suffered or been ruined beyond the pale, the patronage of the "acecum bar" will very soon find its own occupation gone. If no more young men would acquire the liquor habit the barroom would soon go out of business. The hope of the bar is in the young lads who are not now its customers, but whose patronage may be cultivated—Toronto Globe.

• AN EXPLANATION •

The usually well-informed Toronto Globe says that "no one has yet denied \$100,000 was spent in New Brunswick in building up Conservative candidates" in the 1904 election. A denial is not in order, for even Mr. Pugsley has not gone to such an absurd length in flinging about charges. He asserted that for the whole purposes of the campaign in Canada the Conservatives had the sum named. New Brunswick is but one of nine provinces making up the Dominion—Montreal Star.

• TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT •

Where is all this to stop? Many people are asking if the governmental machinery of the country is not getting a trifle unwieldy. Is it not rather that it is over-governed? They think a measure of condensation and selection to be nearly in order. Could not the work of legislation be as effectually carried on with a lesser number of honorable members? Is there a sufficient number of worthy, capable men to go round under the rapid multiplication that Canada must face if it goes on progressing at the present rate?—London Free Press.

• WE HOLD TRUMPS.

Mr. Bryan gets one on Senator Beveridge in an article in "The Reader" for December. Senator Beveridge wants Canada to admit American implements and other articles free as a quid pro quo for the admission of Canadian wood pulp to the American market. "Why," asked Senator Beveridge, "should we put wood pulp on the free list for nothing?" Mr. Bryan answers him from his own mouth in another part of the article. "This would reduce the price of every newspaper in the country and save our forests from extermination."—Toronto Globe.

• SOBERING UP.

The Memphis Savings Bank, an important Southern institution, has deemed it well to suspend payment, in order to get time to realize on its assets. There are many incidents of this kind happening in the United States, none of them of serious import in itself, but together serving to show that the collapse in security values is not being recovered from with the rapidity that was expected. The financial drain of the past half dozen years was too heavy for its effects to be shaken off in a month or two. They will be the wisest people who fix the reaping of the next harvest as the earliest time for putting out all the salt the business craft can carry.—Montreal Gazette.

• THEIR BEST CUSTOMER.

The extent to which the people of the United States are dependent upon the British market for their prosperity is strikingly brought out in a bulletin recently issued by the department of agriculture. It is estimated that over this bulletin over ten and a half billions of capital is invested in the American meat trade, the investment being divided between live stock, farms and ranges, implements, and the great slaughtering plants. Since one-eighth of the product of this meat trade is shipped abroad, the prosperity of the whole industry depends largely on the markets of all the civilized countries of the world, but out of a total of \$251,000,000 worth of meat products exported from the United States in 1906 Great Britain absorbed no less than \$151,000,000, or about 60 per cent. The customer for American meats stands next to Britain in Germany, the consumption of about \$30,000,000, or fifth in the United Kingdom. If the British market were closed to American meats industry with an invested capital equal to five-sixths of the sum employed in the manufacturing industries of the United States would be imperilled.—Montreal Star.

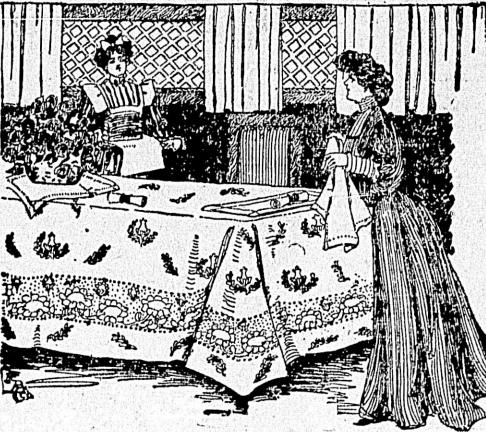
• THE TRANS-MEXICO ROUTE.

Up to the present there were two freight routes between Europe and British Columbia. Goods might be loaded on a vessel at some European port, carried across the Atlantic to this continent and taken across the continent by rail, or they might be carried by vessel around South America and discharged at a British Columbia port without transhipment. The cost of the carriage by water, as is well known, forms a basis in the arrangement of the rates by rail. The long rail journey is expensive, and for some low priced commodities is almost impracticable. It may, however, be a much more rapid service, and for that reason gets a large amount of business of high-priced goods, where early delivery is a consideration.

As Industrial Canada points out in its current number, a third route has just been completed, which will be watched with great interest. While the route has not yet been fully discussed and tested back and forth between different sets of public men and engineers at Washington, a work was being carried on, on the Central American Peninsula, in a part much farther north than Panama, which may be of importance in its relationship to the transportation problem of North America. The Trans-Andean Railroad was built—Winnipeg Free Press.

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WE want you to get acquainted with our immense Linen Department, want you to spend lots of time there and to see what excellent things we have to offer you. Snowy white linens from the world's best markets are here in abundance, and in such newness and daintiness every homekeeper should see the display. From table damask by the yard and table cloths down to the smallest doily we have an unequalled assortment of pretty and useful articles.

We offer you the best possible linen values. This is made possible through the extensive purchases we make direct from the largest manufacturers. We enjoy an immense business in this line throughout the entire province, and we have to buy each year very large quantities. We go direct to the mills and buy for spot cash, getting the best possible prices. We are in this way able to offer you the very best quality linens at prices that are in many instances much lower than are asked for ordinary kinds. When comparing prices remember that these goods represent some of the best productions of the biggest Irish mills and carry with them the quality guarantee of the mills and ourselves.

THIS LIST GIVES BUT A FAINT IDEA OF THE STOCK

SIDEBOARD COVERS, embroidered, 18 x 72, each	\$2.50
SIDEBOARD COVERS, embroidered, 16 x 45, each	\$1.50
TRAY CLOTHS, embroidered, 18x27. Each	\$1.00
TRAY CLOTHS, embroidered, 36x36, each	\$2.00
All to match same pattern.	
SIDEBOARD COVERS, drawnwork, 18 x 72, each	

Young's 1908 January Sale

Commences at 8.30 Today

Prints

Regular 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; January Sale Price, per yard **5c**

Dress Goods and Silks

Scotch Tweeds, regular 65c and 75c. January sale price, per yard **25c**

Striped Tweeds and Homespuns, 44 to 54 in. wide, reg. 90c and \$1.00, January sale price, per yard **55c**

Genuine Harris Homespuns, plain and fancy, 54 in. wide, regular \$1.25, January sale price, per yard **75c**

Fancy Tweeds and Homespuns, 54 in. wide, regular prices \$1.40 and \$1.50. January sale price, per yard **90c**

Fancy Costume Cloths, regular \$1.75. January sale price, per yard **\$1.00**

Cravennettes, 60 in. wide, regular \$2.25 and \$2.40. January sale price, per yard **\$1.25**

Fancy Mohair Waistings, regular 65c, January sale price, per yard **35c**

Fancy Delaine Waistings, regular 40c, January sale price, per yard **25c**

Fancy Embroidered Nun's Veilings, regular 75c, January sale price, per yard **50c**

Fancy Lustres, regular price 75c., January sale price, per yard **45c**

Navy Blue Serge, 42 in. wide, regular 50c., January sale price, per yard **30c**

All Wool Clan Tartans, 44 in. wide, regular \$1.00, January sale price, per yard **65c**

All Exclusive Costume Lengths are marked down to January Sale Prices

Skirting Moreens, regular 75c., January sale price, per yard **50c**

Every Article In Dress Goods Department Reduced to January Sale Price

Bearskin Coating, regular \$3.00, January sale price, per yard **\$2.00**

Bearskin Coating, regular \$3.50, January sale price, per yard **\$2.25**

Don't Forget to Look Through the Remnants, Many "Snaps" There

Fancy Foulards, white and colors, regular 75c., January sale price, per yard **35c**

Fancy Dresden Silks, regular \$1.00, January sale price, per yard **50c**

Clan Tartan Waisting Silks, regular 75c., January sale price, per yard **45c**

Peau de Soie and Satins, in plain shades, regular 85c. and 90c. January sale price, per yard **45c**

Corduroy Velveteens, in all the best shades, regular 75c. January sale price, per yard **50c**

Every Article in Silk and Dress Goods Department Reduced to January sale price.

Great Whitewear Sale

Commences Saturday Morning

Watch Our Windows for Specials. Look for Items and Prices in Our Friday Ad.



Hosiery, Etc.

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, seamless feet, sizes 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, 9 and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, regular 40c., January sale price, per pair **30c**

Ladies' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rib Cashmere Hose, sizes 9 and 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, regular 45c., January sale price, three pairs **\$1.00**

Ladies' Cashmere Hose, lace fronts, regular 60c., January sale price, per pr. **35c**

Boys' Heavy Worsted Hose, regular 45c., January sale price, per pair **30c**

Ladies' Ribbed Combinations, high neck, long sleeves, regular \$2.60, January sale price **\$1.75**

Ladies' Ribbed Combinations, regular price \$3.25, January sale price **\$2.25**

Ladies' "Health" Combinations, regular \$2.75 and \$3.00, January sale price **\$2.00**

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, fleece lined, white and grey, regular 40c. and 45c. January sale price **25c**

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, fleece lined, white and grey, regular 75c. January sale price **50c**

Ladies' Wool Ribbed Vests, regular \$1.00, January sale price **60c**

Children's Vests and Drawers, Watson, Crescent and Turnbull Make. All at January Sale Prices

Children's Equestrienne Tights, regular 90c and \$1.15, January sale price **60c**

Children's Knitted Wool Gaiters, regular 25c., January sale price **15c**

All Odd Garments in Ladies' and Children's Sizes at Half the Marked Prices

Children's Knitted Wool Gaiters, regular 35c., January sale price **25c**

Children's Knitted Overalls, regular 75c., January sale price **50c**

Pure Irish Linens

Damask Tablings, 55 in., bleached, regular 45c., January sale price, per yard **30c**

Damask Tablings, 60 in., bleached, regular 50c., January sale price, per yard **35c**

Damask Tablings, 64 in., bleached, regular 65c., January sale price, per yard **45c**

Damask Tablings, 66 in., bleached, regular 75c., January sale price, per yard **50c**

Damask Tablings, 72 in., bleached, regular \$1.00, January sale price, per yard **75c**

Damask Tablings, 72 in., bleached, regular \$1.25, January sale price, per yard **80c**

Damask Tablings, 68 in., bleached, regular \$1.50, January sale price, per yard **\$1.00**

Damask Table Napkins, hemmed, regular \$1.50, January sale price, per dozen **\$1.20**

Damask Table Napkins, hemmed, regular \$2.25, January sale price, per dozen **\$1.80**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$2.75, January sale price, per dozen **\$2.25**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$2.85, January sale price, per dozen **\$2.30**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$3.00, January sale price, per dozen **\$2.40**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$3.25, January sale price, per dozen **\$2.60**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$3.75, January sale price, per dozen **\$3.00**

Damask Table Napkins, unhemmed, regular \$4.00, January sale price, per dozen **\$3.20**

Table Cloths With Napkins to Match, Separate Cloths and Separate Napkins all marked down to January Sale Prices. These are all Pure Irish Linens and are Direct Importations.

Fancy Linens

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Pillow Shams, regular 75c., January sale price **60c**

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Pillow Shams, regular 85c., January sale price **65c**

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Table Squares, regular \$1.50, January sale price **\$1.20**

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Table Squares, regular \$1.00, January sale price **80c**

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Table Squares, regular \$1.75, January sale price **\$1.40**

Hemstitched and Drawn Work Table Squares, regular \$1.25, January sale price **\$1.00**

Battenburg Square, regular \$1.50, January sale price **\$1.20**

Battenburg Square, regular \$1.85, January sale price **\$1.45**

Fancy Linen Square, regular \$2.00, January sale price **\$1.60**

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Fancy Linen Square, regular \$3.50, January sale price **\$2.80**

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Fancy Linen Square, regular \$3.75, January sale price **\$3.00**

Fancy Linen Square, regular \$4.00, January sale price **\$3.20**

Fancy Drawn Work Scarf and Bureau Covers, regular 75c., January sale price **60c**

Fancy Drawn Work Scarf and Bureau Covers, regular 50c., January sale price **40c**

Tray Cloths, regular \$1.00, January sale price **80c**

Tray Cloths, regular \$1.50, January sale price **\$1.20**

Sideboard Covers, regular \$1.75, January sale price **\$1.40**

All Linen D'Oyleys, Squares and Other Fancy Linens Are Marked Down to January Prices

Motor Scarfs, in heliotrope, sky and navy blue, regular 75c to \$1.25. January sale price, each **65c**

Fancy Silk Belts in all colors and designs

Belt, regularly priced \$1.50, January sale price **85c**

Belt, regularly priced \$2.00, January sale price **\$1.25**

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Belt, regularly priced \$2.75, January sale price **\$1.65**

Belt, regularly priced \$2.50, January sale price **\$1.55**

Belt, regularly priced \$3.25, January sale price **\$2.25**

Belt, regularly priced \$3.50, January sale price **\$2.50**

Belt, regularly priced \$3.75, January sale price **\$2.75**

Fancy Combs at January Sale Prices

Fancy Needle Books at January Sale Prices

Fancy Handkerchiefs at January Sale Prices

Fancy Chiffon and Silk Collars at January Sale Prices

Fancy Lace Collars and Cravats at January Sale Prices

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Children's Knitted Wool Gaiters, regular 35c., January sale price **25c**

Children's Knitted Overalls, regular 75c., January sale price **50c**

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January Sale Prices Apply to All Articles in

Millinery Department

Ladies' Trimmed Hats, Ladies' Untrimmed Hats, Children's Hats, Caps, Wings, Flowers, Ornaments, etc., etc.

Furs

\$45.00 Real Mink Stole, January sale price **\$30.00**

\$42.00 Japanese Martin Stole, satin lining, January sale price **\$22.50**

\$40.00 Russian Kolinsky Stole, January sale price **\$20.00**

\$37.50 Japanese Martin Stole, satin lining, January sale price **\$19.00**

\$37.50 Japanese Martin Caperine, storm collar, lined with heavy brocaded silk, January sale price **\$19.00**

\$28.50 Russian Kolinsky Stole, January sale price **\$15.00**

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Our Genuine January Sale—Never Before Blanket Bargain. White Wool Blankets, size 58x78, regular \$2.75. Thursday Special Sale Price, \$2.10. Robinson's Cash Store, 86 Yates street.

HOW VICTORIANS PASSED NEW YEAR

Usual Duty Calls Were Paid on the First Day of 1908

Making amends for the somewhat rainy weather of the day before, New Year's dawned clear, if not bright, yesterday. It was a day which invited walking, and hence the streets and environs of the city were black with wayfarers. The outlying portion of the city were visited by numerous Victorians, while many refreshed their memory of the park, which should alone make the Sentinel City of the Great Dominion famous.

The football games attracted numerous spectators, and good sport was enjoyed. The Y. M. C. A. road race proved but a fleeting attraction, as road races always do, but there were many who followed the runners with keen interest.

But, of course, New Year's is the day par excellence of "calling." Many were the arrears of calls which were repaid. A long file of people waited upon His Majesty's representative in this province, and Mr. A. J. Morley, the chief executive of the city of Victoria, was also not forgotten.

It is quite safe to say that there was the usual sowing of good resolutions, and as the world is every day gaining an increase of wisdom with its age, it is probable that the harvest at the close of 1908 will be fuller and richer than that of 1907.

MANY VISIT MAYOR

City's Chief Magistrate Receives New Year's Calls From Leading Citizens

Mayor Morley kept open house yesterday and many friends of the city's chief magistrate took occasion to visit him at his home on Heywood avenue and wish him the compliments of the season. Among those who called were the following: Premier McBride, Rev. Mr. Bailey, D. Gilbert, E. P. Jones, W. Merchant, A. B. McNeil, Leonard Haines, C. W. Dear, D. Mason, Mr. Mason, C. McTavish, Edgar Favcett, H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C. Watson, Mr. Watson, Capt. Holmes, O. C. S. Moore, W. C. Kinnaid, Ald. Henderson, Ald. Hall, Ald. Gleason, Ald. Fullerton, W. Holden, W. Scowcroft, P. J. Riddell, Jesse Longfield, H. A. Rowe, Col. Hull, Major A. Currie, Capt. Angus, Lieut. Prior, Lieut. Booth, A. McKeown, R. C. McKenzie, Judge Hartland, W. K. Houston, R. F. Green, E. Elworthy, H. Chapman, B. Dolg, J. A. McTavish, D. McTavish, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, J. L. Raynor, Ald. Verinder, Dr. G. L. Milne, W. W. Northcott, J. M. Langley, Rev. Mr. Sweet, O. H. Nelson, Neil McIntyre, J. W. B. Macdougall, and many others.

Will Visit England
Rev. Ernest G. Miller, S. A. C., rector of St. Barnabas church, with Mrs. Miller will leave about March 6 for England for a six month's visit. Their address while away will be care of Rev. W. M. Miller, Launton rectory, Blesworth, Oxon.

VICTORIA'S WEATHER FINEST ON CONTINENT

Rainfall For Past Year the Lowest Since 1889—Total Hours of Sunshine

Victoria's climate is one of its chief claims to distinction. Milder and more equable than that of any other portion of America, this year it has fairly gone itself one better in several respects.

When the meteorological records for the year of 1907 were closed at 5 o'clock last evening and the totals for December added to those of the preceding months, it was found that the total precipitation was but 22.47 inches, the lowest since 1889. The lowest year of all was 1874, when the rainfall was but 17.75 inches. The mean temperature for the year was 50.22 degrees F. The lowest point to which the mercury sank was in January, when it touched 14.8 above zero. Despite this, the mean temperature for that month was 32.94. The highest point which the mercury reached was in July, when 87.1 degrees was registered. The mean temperature for the month of July was 62.77.

The perusal of the following tables for which the Colonist is indebted to E. Baynes Reed, local Dominion meteorologist, should prove interesting:

Bright Sunshine.

Month	Total Number of hours.	Mean proportion Constant sunshine being 1.	Difference Average.
Jan.	984.8	0.36	0.17
Feb.	753.0	0.26	0.00
Mar.	173.12	0.47	0.10
Apr.	217.36	0.53	0.13
May	258.12	0.55	0.14
June	213.18	0.44	0.00
July	312.12	0.65	0.07
Aug.	226.06	0.50	0.05
Sep.	166.12	0.41	0.05
Oct.	114.12	0.33	-0.03
Nov.	74.42	0.27	-0.08
Dec.	27.00	0.10	-0.05
	1955.18		*0.87

GENERAL FIGURES

Month	Mean	Highest	Date	Lowest	Date	Mean Daily Range	Amount in Inches	Difference From Average	Heaviest Days Fall in Month
January	32.94	48.3	21	14.8	15	8.23	3.04	*1.95	1.26
February	41.46	53.1	19	25.5	3	9.02	3.94	*0.56	1.06
March	42.30	56.9	20	28.7	20	14.21	1.40	*1.21	0.49
April	48.29	67.2	21	32.2	28	17.82	1.39	*0.13	0.50
May	55.73	76.7	30	38.0	1	18.47	0.35	*0.78	0.29
June	59.09	78.2	25	43.4	2	18.91	0.33	*0.60	0.14
July	62.77	87.1	30	46.7	5	21.09	0.39	*0.02	0.38
August	60.38	78.1	20	43.7	12-30	18.67	0.23	*0.34	0.11
September	58.22	84.7	9	40.2	18	15.96	1.21	*0.54	0.37
October	51.53	68.0	4-10	35.6	18	12.26	0.73	*2.02	0.14
November	47.35	58.4	9	36.3	24-25	9.17	0.68	*0.34	0.67
December	42.45	56.1	4	30.4	16	6.93	4.78	*0.64	1.09

Mean for Year .50.22 *Plus average. **Minus average.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Was a Mistake

In the report of the result of the entrance examinations yesterday it was stated that three out of the six candidates at the North Ward school had been successful. This should have been three out of five candidates.

Was Recorded Here

The seismograph at the local meteorological office recorded the recent earthquake, the preliminary tremors began at 9:35 p.m., standard time, Sunday, Dec. 29. The maximum disturbance occurred at 10:02 p.m., the swing of the boom being about a quarter of an inch. The final tremors took place at about 11:57 p.m.

Beer is Higher

The price of beer was advanced locally at the beginning of the present new year. While prices have been going upwards in the rest of the Pacific coast cities there has been no advance here, but the increase in the cost of malt, which has occasioned an advance in beer elsewhere, has finally forced an advance here also. It is not probable that the retail price will be raised but to the trade the cost has gone up from \$7 to \$8 per barrel of twenty gallons.

Parke's Cough Syrup

New Year's day services were held yesterday morning at St. Andrews Presbyterian church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. Campbell. He chose for his text the passage, "Ye shall not henceforth return that way," and in the course of his remarks reviewed the events of the past year and dilated upon the responsibility which rests on all Christians to do their duty and exercise their influence for good during the coming twelve-month. The ordinary form of service was adopted.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT CHINESE MISSION

Rev. Dr. Campbell Delivers the Address and Receives a Presentation

The New Year's entertainment of the Presbyterian Chinese mission was held on New Year's eve at the Government Street hall. Mr. L. W. Hall the missionary in charge presided. The hall was taxed to its utmost to accommodate the assembly which was the largest gathering for many years at a New Year's concert. One feature of the gathering not prominent on former occasions was a large number of boys and girls, ten years of age and under, most of them were from Miss Gumm's school. Miss Gumm is the Presbyterian missionary doing work among the women and children in China-town.

The following programme was rendered with much credit to those taking part: Wong Ah Wa, recitation; The Misses Scowcroft, duett; Chinese Christians, chorus; Rev. Chan Yu Tan of Methodist mission, song; Bo Sing, song; Wo Yuk, editor of the Chinese daily paper, address; Lee Ah Wu, solo; Ah Yin, recitation; Lee Chan, solo; Christianboro, chorus; Miss Scowcroft, solo; Lee A. Wu, recitation; Miss Wilson and Miss Cameron.

The Rev. Dr. Campbell gave an address in which he encouraged teachers and pupils in the work of the gospel at the close of which he was presented with a fine walking stick. Dr. Campbell has been for 15 years convenor of the Synod's F. M. committee.

At the close of the programme tea and coffee and cake were served. The young men (Chinese) of the mission presented everyone present with a box of confectionery. The meeting on the whole was the best for many years.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., January 1, 1908:

SYNOPSIS

The barometer is falling in advance of an ocean storm area on the coast which is already causing a strong southerly gale from Vancouver Island to Southern Oregon. Rain has been general west of the Cascades with some show on the lower mainland. The weather is cold over Northern British Columbia and zero temperatures continue in the prairie provinces.

TEMPERATURE

Min. Max.

Victoria, B. C. 36 45

Vancouver 32 40

New Westminster 32 36

Barkerville 20 26

Fort Simpson 10 24

Atlin zero 20

Dawson, Y. T. 38 below 6

Calgary, Alta. 10 34

Winnipeg, Man. 12 below 8

Portland, Ore. 44 46

San Francisco, Cal. 48 56

FORECASTS

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Strong winds from the southward, unsettled

Lower Mainland: Winds mostly eastwardly or southerly, stronger on the gulf, unsettled with sheet of rain.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest 45

Lowest 36

Mean 40

Rain, 20 Inch.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

Sweeping Reduction in Ranges

Lasts Until December 31st

	Reg. Price.	Sale Price.
"HER MAJESTY" RANGE, No. 8, with warming closet....	\$65.00	\$47.50
"HER MAJESTY" RANGE, without closet	\$50.00	\$39.50
Guaranteed satisfactory. They are asbestos lined and are manufactured by the Buck Stove Co., Brantford, Ont.		
Reg. Price.	Sale Price.	
"BLACK BEAUTY" STEEL RANGE, with high shelf	\$16.00	\$14.50

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Marvelous Reductions in ClocksBegin the New Year with a good clock or make a "timely" present
of one to a friend:

8-Day Black Mantel Clock, \$9.00	This week.....	\$6.00
8-Day Black Mantel Clock, \$15.00	This week.....	\$10.00
8-Day Black Mantel Clock, \$12.00	This week.....	\$9.00
8-Day Black Mantel Clock, \$10.00	This week.....	\$7.50

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ciding.As I Go Speeding.
At I go speeding to the Western Gate,
Let me not murmur at unwelcome Fate,
But rather life's unnumbered joys re-
late—

As I go speeding west.

Beyond the sunset lies effulgent dawn,
I would not make men sad while jour-
neying on,
Nor give them food for tears, when I
am gone.
I would not make men sad.Too much we talk of gloom, and grief,
and shade,
Forgetting that kind law a just God
made,
Wherewithal woes with mighty joys
are paid.

Too much we talk of gloom.

Yea, there are vast delights on this
good earth,
And he who counts them, from his hour
of birth,
Shall find this life a thing of precious
worth.

Yea, there are vast delights.

As I go speeding west, I look for light.
A million stars shine through one sin-
gle night,
And all the sun's promises are bright—

As I go speeding west—

—Eliza Wheeler Wilcox.

In Woman's Realm

In devoting more space than formerly to the affairs of women, the Colonist is taking a step which it is hoped our lady friends will appreciate. Any communication from them of general interest will be welcome and carefully attended to.

HERE AND THERE

It is startling to be told that among the Christmas shoppers in Montreal there were hundreds of thieves, and that to watch them a very large number of detectives were employed. One would, at first sight, be inclined to think that the season and the errands upon which the shoppers were bent would, except in very rare cases, have prevented any one yielding to the temptation of wrongdoing others. Yet, in spite of the efforts of those whose business it was to prevent it, articles of all sorts were purloined. In most cases the thieves were discovered, brought before the manager and forced to sign a confession of their guilt. The property was returned and the thief allowed to go his or her way. No one was prosecuted because, for various reasons, the owners of dry goods stores prefer to suffer temporary loss, rather than incur the odium that is sure to follow their publicity.

It is sad to think that most of the culprits are women, and that they are found quite as often among people who are rich in this world's goods as among the very poor. To those who are possessed of the ordinary feelings of honesty, it would seem impossible to survive the shame and disgrace of discovery, but it is said that most of the plotters took their detection so quietly that no one in the store except themselves and the detectives were aware of what had occurred.

More people spend their lives in single blessedness in the world at the beginning of the twentieth century than at any previous period in the world's history? The question is prompted by reading much discussion of the effects of modern life to the problem of marriage. It is very frequently stated in articles more or less learned that men and women cannot afford to marry under existing conditions. Observers deplore the tendency which young women follow of entering into the business world and earning their own living instead of remaining at home and waiting for the time when they will be called upon to preside over homes of their own. Yet in Canada at least there are not many indications that the gods whose duty it is to bring lovers together and to preside over happy homes have left this world of mortals.

The number of women who reach middle age without marriage does not seem to be appreciably greater than it was forty years ago when in almost every home there was an aunt who filled a place that was often more serviceable to its members than pleasant to herself. In parallel cases of our own day the increased independence of single women is surely not to be deplored. In former days in the old world, a large number of men and women devoted their lives to works of charity or devotion. In the monasteries or the convent these people prayed and thought, worked or studied shut in from the busy distracting world beyond their gates.

In the modern, especially in the American world, their representatives pursue their occupations as they mingle with their fellows. Even nurses no longer consider it necessary to withdraw from the world in order to pursue their charitable calling. Yet in the busy world of today there are women as sweet and pure and gentle as those who lived sheltered lives in cloistered shades, and men now as in bygone years, lead to the altar youthful and beautiful brides whose hearts are filled with love and devotion.

"But the fact is," he cried, "I never met a man yet who was the equal of myself!"—The Circle Magazine.

A Coughing Plant.

Carnivorous plants are known which will consume even mice, laughing plants and plants that weep are also known; but no one has ever heard of a vegetable that suffered from whooping cough. Yet there exists, however, a plant which prospers in tropical countries and the fruit of which resembles the common broad bean. It is quite a crank, easily gets into a rage and what is more peculiar, has a horror of dust. As soon as a few grains of dust are deposited on its leaves the stomach, or air chambers which cover their faces and which are the respiratory organs of the plant, become filled with a gas, swell and end by driving out the gas with a slight explosion and a sound which resembles so much the cough of a child suffering from a cold as to be mistaken for it. It serves as an ornamental plant. One can imagine the concert that would be furnished by two or three of these strange plants in a drawing-room in which the coming and going of visitors has raised a cloud of face powder.

A Salt Bath.

For one who is in a run-down condition a salt bath acts as an excellent tonic. It should be taken every day, either in the morning or in the evening. In summer a cold sponge bath may be preferred, but in winter the tepid is preferable for most people. About four heaping tablespoonsfuls of common salt to a gallon of water is about the right amount to use. The salt water may be applied with a sponge and followed by a brisk rub. If the skin is easily irritated it may be necessary to follow the salt water with clear water.

A salt rub is given by moistening a couple of pounds of coarse salt with water about as it is used in sweeping. This is rubbed all over the body with the hand until the skin is in a glow, then washed off with clear water and followed by a brisk rub with a coarse towel. For tired, nervous, restless people, who cannot take time to go away to a health resort, this bath has proven very valuable and has often prevented a threatened break-down after a long strain.—C. A. A., in Toronto Globe.

In the Canadian cities of Windsor and Sandwick, opposite Detroit, the large number of Americans who come into Canadian territory in order to be

married has awakened the suspicion of the authorities. An investigation has been held and it has been discovered that many of these marriages would have been illegal even under the laws of the United States. Dr. Hodgetts, the registrar general of Ontario, advises that steps be taken to prevent the spread of the custom which allows people to contract on Canadian soil marriages which the laws of the neighboring republic forbid.

Pithy Sayings.

Style sometimes makes a handsome woman look otherwise.

Heads of sensible women are never thatched with blonde hair.

When trouble starts they come one's way like a string of beads.

There is at least one thing that may be said in favor of football. Nobody has to play it.

Any man can take a day off but when it comes to putting it back—well, that is different.

It must be awfully hard on the fussy old bachelor who has to live in the same house with a clever child.

A married man says the comforts of home would be more enjoyable if they didn't include the discomfort of paying for them.

A diplomat is a man with an ax to grind who gets another man to turn the grindstone and makes him believe that he is being entertained.

Under the Rose.

Sub rosa means literally "under the rose." The phrase dates from 477 B. C., when Pausanias, the commander of the confederate fleet of Spartans and Athenians, was engaged in an intrigue with Xerxes to betray Greece to the Persian ruler and to obtain in marriage the hand of the monarch's daughter. The negotiations were carried on under a roof which was covered with roses and were matured literally "under the rose." Pausanias, however, was betrayed and to escape arrest fled to the temple of Minerva. The sanctity of this place forbidding intrusion for violence of any kind, the people walled up the edifice with stones and left the fugitive to die of starvation. His own mother laid the first stone. It afterward became a custom among the Athenians to wear a rose when they had confidential compliments to make, the flower implying strict secrecy. It was also customary among the ancient Germans on the occasions of festivity to suspend a rose above the table as a token that whatever was said during the feast should be kept secret to themselves. In 1526 a rose was placed over confessional in Roman Catholic churches.

A Mustard Foot Bath.

This is used a great deal for the relief of congestion in the head in the course of a cold, for certain forms of headache, and to propitiate perspiration. A deep bucket should be filled within a few inches of the top with water as hot as can be borne. A kettle of water should be kept hot to be added as needed to keep the bath at the right temperature. Blend two heaping tablespoonsfuls of mustard in a cupful of tepid water till free from lumps, and add it to the bath water. The water should reach nearly to the knees; and the bath should be continued from 20 minutes to half hour, the water being kept as hot as can be borne the whole time. When the feet are immersed in the water, wrap the invalid, chair, bucket and all, with a quilt or thick blanket to keep in the steam and promote perspiration. It can soon be decided when the color is deep enough. When perfectly light and porous pull out in long, straight lengths on a marble slab to cool. Nuts chopped fine may be added to the candy.

Cocoonut Candy.

Two cups of sugar, one cup of water. When done stir in a grated cocoonut.

Molasses Candy.

Two cups of molasses, piece of butter the size of a walnut, half a teaspoonful of vinegar. Test by pouring into a cup of cold water. Just before removing candy from stove, flavor with vanilla, pour out on marble slab, and pull.

Cream Candy.

Three cups of sugar, one cup of water, one-half teaspoonful of vanilla, piece of butter the size of a walnut. Do not stir. When done it will break in cold water. Pull and put on marble to cool.

Nut Candy.

Two cups of brown sugar, one cup of cream, one tablespoonful of butter, cook until done, stirring constantly. Add cup of nuts (any kind or kinds), stir briskly until candy sugars, and pour out on marble slab.

Sugar Candy.

One cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of vinegar, small pinch of butter and enough water to cover sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved, and cook until candy is brittle in water. Pour into buttered dishes and pull.

Imitation Terrapin.

When diamond back terrapin is expensive this makes an excellent substitute: Add to each quart of well-boiled chicken meat cut into small pieces, three hard boiled eggs, a quarter of a pound of butter, half a cupful of cream, a tablespoonful of flour, salt and cayenne pepper to taste, with a pinch of mace. Put the flour and butter together and put it with the chicken in a saucepan, adding seasoning and cream. Heat over a moderate fire. With a little cream rub the yolks of the eggs smooth, chop the whites fine, add to the contents of the saucepan, and stir while boiling. Serve at once.

Welsh Rabbit Baked.

Two cupfuls of grated cheese, one cupful of cream or milk, a cupful and a half of bread crumbs, three eggs beaten separately and cayenne pepper to taste. Heat the milk in a saucepan. As soon as heated add the cheese, then bread crumbs; stir until the cheese is melted; add cayenne pepper. Take from the fire and stir in the yolks and beaten whites of eggs, then pour into a buttered baking dish and bake until the top is a delicate brown.

Escalloped Onions.

Slice and boil a dozen onions until tender. Place a layer in a baking pan, cover it with bread crumbs and bits of butter; season with salt and pepper. Treat additional layers of onions in the same way, until all are placed. Almost cover with milk. Bake for half an hour.

Esthetic Omelet.

To a cupful of bread, without the crust, add as much water as it will hold, pour round the remainder. Add a cupful of milk, the yolks of three eggs, and season to taste. Heat in a frying pan a tablespoonful of butter, beat to a stiff froth the whites of three eggs and stir lightly with the bread. Pour with the hot butter and cook until the under part is brown. Fold and serve.

Dainty Sausage.

Put a pound of veal and a quart of bacon through a chopper; add a teaspoonful of salt and a quarter of a teaspoonful of black pepper. Press into flat cakes and fry until well done, in butter. Make a cream sauce in the pan in which the sausage has been fried.

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THOUGHTS ON BUSINESS

On the Waterfront

ANXIETY FOR THE GOTO MARU

Believed Japanese Freighter Foundered During Recent Storms

FORMER BLOCKADE RUNNER

As Sylviana She Was British Tramp Until Confiscated for Carrying Contraband.

Anxiety regarding the Japanese steamer Goto Maru, now 55 days out from Hakodate, a port of northern Japan, for San Francisco, is increasing, and the underwriters are now offering 40 per cent. to reinsurance her as she is believed to have foundered during the recent heavy gales in the Pacific. The Goto left Japan with a cargo of sulphur. The voyage usually occupies sixteen to eighteen days, twenty being considered a slow passage. Heavy weather has been reported by many vessels which crossed the ocean since the November gales closed the trade routes. The Iyo Maru, which reached Yokohama December 3 had a seaman drowned and was flooded and slightly damaged, the steamer Gymeric from this port was flooded and slightly strained, the steamer Hercules which left here November 7 did not reach Muroran until 32 days after her date of sailing having been severely buffeted, and the steamer Inveran was 48 days from this port for Manila before reaching Muroran to coal. The Inveran, which sustained minor injuries on account of the heavy weather, was reinsurance at 20 per cent. Just prior to her arrival, owing to the apprehension of the underwriters regarding her, the Goto Maru on her last trip across the Pacific occupied 41 days, and was reinsurance at 20 per cent. on arrival. It was considered that she was poorly handled then and the underwriters fear that she has now been lost. Reinsurance was quoted at 4 cent. for some time, being advanced last week to 60 cent. and since this week com. raised the rate has increased to 80 per cent.

The Goto Maru was one of the blockade-running steamers captured by the Japanese naval vessels during the recent war. She was the British ship Sylviana, as was on her way from Cardiff via Hongkong, for Vladivostok with a cargo of Welsh coal when a Japanese gunboat overhauled her off Goto Island in the Sea of Japan and took possession of her. When she was disposed of by auction after being confiscated, she was bought by Japanese and renamed the Goto Maru. The Japanese government having ordered that this vessel and several others be named after islands adjacent to the scene of their capture.

The Goto Maru is a steel screw steamer of 4,187 tons gross, 2,715 tons net register, built in 1888 by Craig Taylor & Co., of Stockton, for Furness Withy & Co., Limited. Her dimensions are 360 feet long, 48.2 beam and 20.4 deep. She has one steel deck and steel spar deck and web frames. In 1902 she stranded, and it was feared that she would prove a total loss, but she was finally floated by a salvage company and recommissioned, tramping with general cargoes until she fell into the hands of the Japanese and the name of Sylviana was painted off her stern to be replaced with Japanese characters surmounted by the name Goto Maru in English.

JEANIE STRIKES ON SUBMERGED DERELICT

Is Opinion of Capt. Mason of Steamer Which Has Returned to Tacoma From North

That the steamer Jeanie, recently junked off the Southeastern Alaskan coast, struck a submerged derelict is the opinion of Capt. Mason of the steamer, who has returned to Tacoma from the north. He said:

"It was 5 p.m. on December 7 when we were between Kyak and Middleton Island. Forty minutes before we had the lead and found fifty fathoms, so it can easily be imagined how surprised we were when the steamer suddenly struck something."

"The Jeanie struck three times. The first was not so heavy a shock, but the third time she hit very hard, enough to almost shake us to pieces. However, she did not lose steerage, and upon sounding the pumps we found she was not making any extra water."

"However, the next day we got into a heavy east-northeast gale, kicking up a nasty sea and causing the vessel to labor and roll heavily. This resulted in her making somewhat more water than usual, necessitating using one extra pump. After we struck we called at two of the smaller ports before arriving at Valdez on December 10. There a survey was held. The decision was that, as far as could be seen, the Jeanie was perfectly seaworthy and we started on our return to Tacoma."

It was reported that the Jeanie had struck an uncharted reef, but Capt. Mason while he does not know what the obstruction was, is inclined to believe it was a derelict. It was dark at the time and nothing could be seen. It is possible that when the Jeanie is in drydock her hull will show what it was."

Captain Mason reports that a little coasting schooner brings word that the boiler of the steamer Discovery, which was lost several years ago, is lying on a reef about two miles northwest of Middleton Island. This is where the Discovery was wrecked. The hull has broken away from the boiler and is said to be hung up on

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

(By Wireless)

Tatoosh, Jan. 1, 9 a.m.—Clearing. Wind southeast 15 miles an hour. Bar. 29.79. Temp. 45. Inward, German ship Schwarzenbek at 9 a.m. in tow of the San Francisco tug Resolute from California for Chemainus.

Tatoosh, Jan. 1, 1 p.m.—Rainy; thick. Wind southeast, 30 miles an hour. Bar. 29.71. Temp. 43. Passing out, steamer Fitz-clarence from Tacoma for South American ports at 10:30 a.m.; three-masted schooner at 9:30 a.m. in tow of tug Sea Lion.

Tatoosh, Jan. 1, 7 p.m.—Cloudy and rainy. Wind southeast, 30 miles an hour. Bar. 29.69. Temp. 44. No slipping this afternoon.

Middleton island. Captain Mason is unable to vouch for the truth of this, but gives it as hearsay in the neighborhood of Valdez.

SUBMARINES WANTED FOR PUGET SOUND

Seattle Chamber of Commerce Asks Washington Government to Provide Vessels for Defense

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution urging congress to provide submarine torpedo boats for the protection of Puget Sound and the cities on its shores at a meeting held on Tuesday. It was pointed out that the depth of the water in the Sound and the rapidity of the tidal currents made it impossible to adequately protect the waters from a hostile fleet by mining. It was also suggested that the prevalence of thick weather made the land fortifications ineffective for a large part of the time. The size of the Sound, its depth and the contour of its shores were suggested as peculiarly adapted to the successful maneuvering of submarine boats.

Boats of the type of the Octopus, recently under trial, are declared to be sufficient to protect the waters from any fleet in the world. On account of the short period required for their construction, their comparative small cost, their mobile qualities and in respect to the number of men required to handle them, the chamber believes that the submarines are peculiarly fitted for the protection of Puget sound.

SAVED MANY LIVES

Lifesaving Service of United States Rescued 807 Persons and Saved 611 Vessels During Year

In view of the establishment of the first Canadian lifesaving station on the Pacific with its headquarters at Victoria, with a lifeboat expected to leave tomorrow for Banfield creek, the following comment by the New York Maritime Register regarding the work of the United States lifesaving service during the past year will be of interest:

"The report recently issued by General Superintendent S. C. Kimball of the Life-Saving Service makes very creditable record of the work done by that service during the past fiscal year. Of the imperilled property valued at nearly nine millions of dollars about seven and one-half millions were saved. Besides this there were six hundred and eleven vessels saved with their cargoes at over five and one-half million dollars value under circumstances that would have resulted in serious damage or total loss but for life-savers," and eight hundred and seven persons were rescued by the life-saving crews. This furnishes good evidence of the efficiency of the Life Saving Service both as regards its general management and the usefulness of the members of the life-saving crews. In the successful conduct of this service very much depends upon the intelligent independent efforts of the life-savers. Vigilance, courage and quick decision in rendering necessary assistance to distressed vessels is required. The men who compose the crews are subject to sudden exposure to great risks. Superintendent Kimball urges pensions and retirement for the aged and disabled members of this service. This would give encouragement in their work to the life-savers, and make the service attractive to the right men and most easily available in case of accident they would be certain of a pension for the remainder of their natural life. The Life Saving Service from both a humane and material standpoint is one of the most important of the branches of our government. The character of the work and the great results achieved in saving life as well as property of great value certainly entitles the life-saver to a pension."

BARK'S ARDUOUS VOYAGE

Alexander Black Came From Rotterdam to San Diego via Cape of Good Hope Route

The British bark Alexander Black, which sailed from San Diego on Tuesday with cement from Rotterdam, was over six months on the voyage, and almost circled the globe. She showed the marks of terrific weather, her gallery and forecastle being wrecked, one lifeboat gone and another damaged beyond repair. Capt. Griffith said:

"It was positively the worst voyage I ever sailed. When I first left the old country for San Diego it was with the intention of going around the Horn and up the coast of North America, but we had very heavy seas on the Atlantic and as this is the worst time of the year for rounding the Horn, I decided to go by way of Cape of Good Hope."

The captain stated that the ship had sailed a total of 24,000 miles.

GEORGIA AT SIDNEY

Canadian Mexican Liner Arrives at Island Port This Morning to Load Lumber

The steamer Georgia of the Canadian-Mexican line left New Westminster yesterday for Sidney to load lumber at the mills there and will arrive here tonight, sailing tomorrow for Mazatlan and other ports of the Mexican coast. The repairs to the steamer's steering gear were quickly effected, little delay resulting on this account.

QUIET NEW YEAR ON WATERFRONT

Steamers Tees, Princess Beatrice and Queen City Sail

New Year's day on the waterfront was a quiet one. The offices were closed and few steamers were moving. At the C. P. R. dock the blue petrel was flying on three of the coasters, the Tees being on berth for Ahousaht and way ports, the steamer Queen City for Hardy bay via ports, and the Princess Beatrice, for Nasas, Jedway, Skidegate, Port Simpson, Prince Rupert and other ports of the northern coast, and Queen Charlotte Islands. The tug Pilot, which picked up the disabled steamer Cottage City with her main shaft broken and towed her to Seattle, returned from the Sound and moored in the inner harbor, and several smaller tugs were also in port. About midnight several vessels left port. The Tees proceeded to the west coast taking about 60 tons of general provisions, including boxes of all sorts and kinds for the settlers and townpeople of the ports of call, and for the Indian villages between Victoria and Ahousaht. The Queen City had a small cargo, but was expected to load considerable supplies at Vancouver. The Princess Beatrice took about 70 tons, mostly provisions for northern ports. The tug Queen left for Comox to tow a boom of logs to Chemainus.

SUBMARINES FOR RUSSIA

Under Water Fighting Craft Now in Course of Construction for the Czar's Navy

Four Russian submarines, with a displacement of about 400 tons each, which are in course of construction in the Kreighton yard at St. Petersburg, are to be named "Krohn," "Kormen," "Draug" and "Alligator." A submarine, with a displacement of 360 tons, which is in hand in the Baltic yards, will receive the name of "Akula;" another submarine, with a displacement of 177 tons, which is being completed in the yards, is to be named "Lamog." Three submarines built in Germany for the Russian navy have just been delivered; they are named "Karp," "Karsai" and "Kambala." They are each 133 feet long by 10 feet 4 inches beam, and they have a displacement of 206 tons; their surface speed will be from 12 to 14 knots per hour, and their submerged speed 10 knots. They will each carry a torpedo tube and three torpedoes. Some changes are contemplated in the Russian navy yards. The Baltic yards are to devote themselves to the construction of new ships and repairs; the Obouchoff yards to the production of guns, projectiles, armor plates, tools, etc., and the Sjorski yards to armor plates and other shipbuilding material.

NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF PACIFIC COAST CO.

W. H. Allison is Well Known to Shipping Community of This Port

W. H. Allison, who has been appointed marine superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship company vice Capt. Ridder whose resignation due to internal strife in the management of the company came recently as a surprise to shipping men is well known here. He ran to this port for many years as first assistant engineer of the steamer Queen, with which he was long associated. He is a native of California, having been born at Benicia in 1855. He served his apprenticeship as an engineer at the Eads Iron Works at San Francisco. He joined the steamer Oceanic in 1877 and made a trip to China, and went from her to the steamer Georgia remaining with that vessel until she was wrecked on the coast of Central America. Then he was an oiler on the steamer City of Peking for a year when he was promoted to the post of third assistant of the steamer City of Sydney. When the Pacific Coast Steamship company decided to build the steamer Queen, then known as the Queen of the Pacific, the after part of the name being dropped in 1890, Mr. Allison went east and worked at the Cramp yards until the vessel was ready to leave for the Pacific when he joined her as second assistant. When the explosion and fire took place on board the steamer in Nanaimo harbor in the eighties, an accident which resulted in the loss of eleven lives, Mr. Allison was one of the crew who escaped injury. He remained with the steamer Queen many years becoming chief engineer, and later was appointed assistant to vice President Ford at Seattle.

LONG TOWING TRIP

Two Big Tugs for San Francisco to Start Remarkable Voyage in Few Days

Two steam tugs, the Hercules and Goliath will commence a long and interesting voyage from Camden, New Jersey for San Francisco via the Straits of Magellan on January 10.

The undertaking is rendered remarkable by the fact that the Goliath is to come in tow of the Hercules, and no stop is to be made during the voyage of over 17,000 miles, either for fuel for the tugs, or provisions for those on board.

The Hercules and Goliath were built at Camden, N. J. at the yards of John H. Dialogue & Sons, for the Shipowners and Merchants' Tugboat company of San Francisco for service in that port, and for taking heavy vessels long distances. Each is 150 feet long, 26 feet beam and 17 feet deep, and is equipped with triple expansion engines of over 1,000 horse-power, which developed a speed of fifteen knots per hour. Each will carry 2,500 barrels of oil, which will be sufficient to carry them the whole way from Camden through the straits of Magellan to San Francisco.

Capt. Dan Thompson and Capt. Oly Hansen will bring the tugs to San Francisco belong to that port and have had long experience in managing tugboats. Thompson has been on the coast for thirty-five years and Hansen for nearly that length of time. Thompson is captain of the tug Sea Rover and Hansen master of the Sea King.

The tugs are expected to reach the Golden Gate about the middle of March.

MERGER OF SOUND STEAMER COMPANIES

Puget Sound Navigation Co., International Steamship Co. and Straits S. S. Co. Are Joined

The three subsidiary companies of the Alaska Steamship company, known as the Puget Sound Navigation company, the International Steamship company and the Straits Steamship company, have been merged and will hereafter be operated under one management with Joshua Green as president and general manager. Other officers are Charles E. Peabody, vice-president and treasurer; C. H. Stoltzberg, assistant general manager; W. J. Cochran, superintendent; W. G. Blain, auditor; C. F. Bishop, port engineer. The steamers involved include the following of the Inland Navigation company, Iroquois, Utopia, Inland Flyer, Tourist, George E. Starr, Rosalie, Perdita, Athlon, Rapid Transit and Samson.

Under the new management the following Sound steamers will also be operated: Indianapolis, running between Tacoma and Seattle; Chippewa, on the Seattle-Victoria route; Bellingham, plying to Neah Bay; Lydia Thompson, on the Tacoma-Everett run; Dode, at present disengaged; State of Washington on the Hoods Canal route, and Whatcom, running to Port Angeles.

P. & O. PRESIDENT AND THE "ALL-RED" ROUTE

Remarks of Sir Thomas Sutherland at Annual Meeting of British Steamship Company

At the recent annual meeting of the shareholders of the P. & O. line, Sir Thomas Sutherland, G. C. M. G., chairman, said regarding the "All-Red Route," which would, of course, be a serious rival to the P. & O. service: "We are threatened with another nail in our coffin. We are threatened—I dare say you have read it in the newspapers—with what is called, the 'All-Red Route,' a scheme which we heard a great deal about at the time of the late colonial conference, and which is to run express ships like the Lusitania and Mauretania, I suppose, via Canada to New Zealand and to Australia. It has been the ambition of Canada for many years to have an express service of this character. I myself have been applied to once or twice in connection with the project, but up to the present time, nobody, apparently, has been willing to meet the necessary expenditure in connection with it. To extend an express service to New Zealand and to Australia will indeed demand gigantic resources and it would be a matter of very great interest indeed to find out where those resources are to be found. There is another question which arises in connection with the project: The distance between Vancouver and Wellington in New Zealand is, in round figures, some 6,300 nautical miles, and how express steamers are to be built in order to carry coal for that distance is one of those engineering problems which I believe is at the present time insoluble. I have therefore not been very much surprised to see, by the correspondence in the newspapers, that there is a great deal of tending down of the idea of these express speed vessels for the Pacific part of the service, and it has been suggested that the ships engaged in this service should coal at Honolulu. But, good Heavens, if the ships are to coal at Honolulu, what becomes of the "All-Red Route" for Honolulu is an American port, and the "All-Red Route" would therefore appear to me to be a phrase merely to throw dust in the eyes of an innocent public. When the Pacific development is talked about, there is always something said about such an eventually as war closing the Mediterranean and the route in which we are interested—and which, by the way, is far more of an All-Red route than a route would be which requires a steamer to coal at Honolulu; but the main contract which we have entered into recently, and I may say, contracts entered into antecedent to that, require us in the event of war to transfer our steamers to whatever port we may be required to enter for the time being. Whether we should have in case of war to transfer our steamers to the Atlantic or to the Pacific is one of those questions, which, of course, no one can express an opinion about at present; but there is the power at any moment for the government to require us to enter the Pacific trade if that should be necessary. It appears to me that this project as far as Canada is concerned, is a most legitimate project, although a very costly one, yet so far as the Pacific route is concerned, there is no possible revenue which can be secured in order to maintain it, because, of course, these steamers could merely carry passengers, and so far as the passenger trade to New Zealand and Australia is concerned, it is utterly inadequate at the present moment to meet the requirements of the numerous lines which are at present running to these great Colonies. Therefore, if this service were to be established it could only be established at the expense of the Suez canal lines, in which you and I and so many others are interested."

COMPANIES MERGE

Northwestern and Alaska Steamship Companies Combined Under New Management

The merger of the Alaska Steamship Company and Northwestern Steamship Company has now been completed, the new concern being known as the Alaska Steamship Company. The officers will be Charles E. Peabody, Seattle, president and general manager; F. H. Eckles, New York, first vice-president; Frank E. Burns, Seattle, second vice-president; Captain H. J. Jarvis, Seattle, treasurer; W. H. Bishop, Seattle, secretary; J. H. Burch, Seattle, general freight and passenger agent; E. F. Clark, Seattle, city ticket agent.

The following vessels are involved in the merger: Steamers Victoria, Olympia, Pennsylvania, Northwest, Olympia,

Yukatan, Saratoga, Edith, Santa Clara, Santa Ana, Dora, Oakland and Seward of the old Northwestern Steamship Company's fleet, and the steamers Jefferson, Dolphin, Farallon and Dirigo, comprising the fleet of the original Alaska Steamship Company.

IS SUING NORWEGIAN STEAMER FOR DAMAGES

Non-Fulfillment of Charter Arrangement Results in Action Against the Haldis

Suit has been brought in a Seattle court against the owners of the Norwegian steamer Haldis, Brusgård, Kistner & Co., by Arthur Gamwell, for \$15,000, and the Haldis will probably be libeled today on the ground in consequence of the action which is for non-fulfillment of character.

Mr. Gamwell alleges that he chartered the Haldis on December 14, 1907, for a voyage from Columbia river ports to La Boca, Panama, and that a charter party for the voyage was drawn up. Later he states the master of the boat chartered it again to other parties for a higher sum and refused to live up to the original charter party. He alleges that he was put to a loss of \$15,000 because of this violation of charter.

The libellant asks the court to attach the steamship Haldis, its tackle, apparel and furniture for the amount of the suit, as the boat is now preparing for a voyage out of the jurisdiction of the court.

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Sale of Perry Creek Property
Likely to Lead to Revival
of Interest

Cranbrook, Jan. 1.—The recent purchase of a large area of placer ground on Perry creek by the Illinois Steel company is certain to revive the interest now being taken in placer mining in the Cranbrook district.

Perry creek in years past has been the scene of considerable activity in mining. The Wisconsin outfit, having secured the Perry Creek Hydraulic property, have done a large amount of work during the past six years. And if reports can be relied upon, have taken out yellow metal enough to pay all expenses.

A report was received at Cranbrook on Friday afternoon to the effect that Wisconsin owners had sold the controlling interest in the property to the Illinois Steel company. It has been known for some months that a deal was pending, and that it would be closed at an early date.

The following is a report received from Black River Falls, Wis.: The Perry Creek Hydraulic mine, located near Cranbrook, B. C., has become the property of the Illinois Steel company of Chicago, the sellers being H. A. Bright, of Black River Falls, Wis., E. G. Boynton and Colonel Orlando Holway of Lacrosse, Wis., and A. S. Trow of Merrillan, Wis., who realized \$900,000, retaining one-tenth interest in the mine.

The company was incorporated for \$1,000,000 and sold \$900,000 of stock to the Illinois Steel company, which will increase the facilities for mining and work the plant to the full capacity.

The development of the property was a big undertaking, but the judgment of the owners in investing thousands of dollars in up-to-date machinery was confirmed, when a short time after the mine began operating, it started to turn out gold in paying quantities.

The water of Perry creek was conducted in a flume, four feet square, along the mountain side a distance of four miles, and then dropped through pipes 600 feet, giving a pressure of approximately 300 pounds at the bottom, to use in washing the dirt into the sluiceways. Where the flume crosses a ravine an inverted siphon was built.

A. S. Trow, of Merrillan undertook the construction work of the plant and later was joined by Mr. Bright, and together they superintended and witnessed the successful starting of the plant. When the plant is in operation, which is most of the time, 2,000 yards of dirt is washed out. The dirt is there in unlimited quantities and is rich, and the mine has been profitable during the three years they have operated.

Mr. Trow has superintended the operation of the plant for the company, but his advanced age and poor health have made it necessary for him to give up the work, and as the other members of the company all have other interests that require all their time they decided to sell the mine.

FISH IN BOND

Report That Privilege of New England Fish Company Has Been Renewed at Ottawa

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—It is reported today that the privilege of landing fish in bond at the port of Vancouver for shipment to Boston and other points in the Eastern United States, which the New England Fish company has enjoyed for many years has again been extended for at least a period of six months. It is stated that the necessary order-in-council was passed at Ottawa several days ago.

Some months ago an agitation was commenced in Vancouver to have this privilege withdrawn, and a number of communications with that end in view were dispatched to Ottawa where they were promised every consideration.

Lumbermen's Convention.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—To discuss the present situation of the lumber industry in British Columbia, both on the coast and in the interior, and its

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relations to the markets of the Northwest, all the prominent sawmill operators in the province will gather in Nelson on January 10. It is expected that every mill in the province will be represented at this convention, as it is known that some matters of great importance to the trade will be dealt with. Just what the programme is the millmen will not say. Pending this meeting it is unlikely that those mills which are not now operating will commence work again.

Pioneer Lady Dead.

New Westminster, Dec. 31.—Mrs. John Campbell of Peardonville, passed away at the family residence yesterday evening, after a lengthy illness. The deceased lady was sixty-five years of age, and had resided at Peardonville since 1891, being one of the pioneers of that place. She is survived by her husband, four sons, William, Henry, Samuel, John H. and Hugh, and one daughter, Mrs. J. B. McLean of Steveston.

CURBING CANDIDATES

Vancouver Council Will Enforce Regulations Forbidding Canvassing Near the Polls

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—That the coming municipal elections will be run off in a manner far different from that which has prevailed on former occasions, was made certain by an action of the city council last night directing the police to strictly enforce the provincial regulations concerning the activity of candidates in the vicinity of the polls.

The subject was introduced by Aldermen Ramsay and Bird in the following resolution: "That the council request the police commissioners to see that section 7 of the Municipal Elections Amendment Act, 1906, be enforced during the coming election, and that no placards, bills, ribbons, flags or banners shall be used by any candidate or other persons during the elections, and that no such candidate or other person shall distribute in the vicinity of any of the polling stations cards or printed matter containing representations of ballot papers or ballot marks or any invitation to vote for any candidate or candidates."

Ald. Ramsay said the manner in which the working of candidates and their supporters at the polls had been carried on was such that ladies entitled to the franchise refused to go to the polling places. Under any circumstances it was advisable that the electors should be left to follow out their own connections without being pulled and hauled at the very entrance to the polling booth.

Ald. Bird said the statute referred to had been submitted to City Solicitor Cowan, who advised that there was no doubt as to its covering the polling in this city.

The resolution then passed by a unanimous vote.

OCEAN DESTROYERS ARE FAST CRAFT

Hawthorn Leslie & Co.'s Latest Production for the British Admiralty

In view of the great interest taken in naval questions at the present day, the new type of "ocean-going destroyers" which are now approaching delivery, deserves special mention, says a writer in Syren and Shipping. The speed of 33 knots is an exceptionally high one under any conditions, but with the stipulation for this speed being maintained over a period of six hours, combined with heavy scannings of hull and machinery, and with strictly limited consumption of fuel, it becomes a problem of some considerable difficulty.

Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. have had great success with high-speed destroyers, having built and engined a large number, representing specimens of all the types at present in use. Further, they built the Viper, Volex and Eden, which were the earliest turbine boats ordered by the British admiralty.

The Ghurka, one of the new types referred to, intended for open sea work, has just completed her official trials. On the full power trial, a speed of about a knot in excess of that specified in the contract was obtained; the speed over the whole period of six hours was 33.91 knots per hour, while the mean of six runs over the measured course during the fourth hour gave a speed of 34 knots, and the highest mean speed on the measured mile was 34.4 knots. There is little doubt that had the quantity of oil per square foot of heating surface not been restricted, a speed of over 34 knots could have been easily maintained during the six hours. The conditions laid down by the admiralty, which have to be fulfilled on the 24 hours consumption trial, are that the vessel should have a radius of action of 1,500 miles at a speed of not less than 13 knots per hour. The Ghurka has more than realised these conditions, and has proved herself to have a radius of action of 1,715 knots at a speed of 13.5 knots per hour. If what are known as the peace tanks are also filled, she is capable of steaming almost 2,500 knots without a stop, which is equivalent to a voyage across the North Atlantic to Canada, or a run from the Tyne to Malta. This is a much larger radius of action than any other vessels of the type have yet attained. This trial was completed on Friday evening off Yarmouth, after which the vessel proceeded to Sheerness, took in oil fuel and sailed for the Tyne on Saturday morning at 8 a. m., arriving off Tynemouth Pier—distance of 270 miles—at 6 p. m., thus reaching home sooner than could be done by coming by train from Sheerness to Newcastle, a continuous speed, in moderate sea, of 27 knots being comfortably maintained with four-fifths of her boilers.

Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co. are to be congratulated on these results, which have been obtained with boilers burning oil fuel, which has recently been introduced into the British navy. The Ghurka's dimensions are: Length, 255 feet; breadth, 25 feet 6 inches; displacement, 864 tons. The vessel is fitted with turbine machinery of the Parsons type, which has been constructed by Messrs. R. and W. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., at their St. Peter's works. There are three propeller shafts, on the centre one of which a high pressure turbine is fitted, while on each wing shaft there is a low pressure turbine, and, in addition, cruising and astern turbines. The vessel proved herself to be easily manoeuvred ahead and astern. The cruising turbines are used for economical steaming at sea. The boilers, five in number, are of the latest improved Yarrow type. They are specially fitted with oil burning arrangements, and have proved that boilers of this type are equally efficient when burning either oil or coal.

TREASURE HUNTERS

Work Progressing at Sunken Wreck of Steamer Golden Gate Near Manzanillo

The steamer Acapulco, which has arrived at San Francisco from Mexican ports, brought news that work is progressing vigorously at the Golden Gate wreck off Manzanillo. The task of the treasure hunters has been rendered easy owing to the fact that the fifty-year-old wreck has now worked up toward the beach. The treasure seekers who have huts and appliances rigged up on the beach, were hard at work when the Acapulco was at Manzanillo and express themselves as being very confident of rescuing much treasure.

LARGEST SAILING CRAFT IN WORLD'S SHIPPING

R. C. Rickmers is at the Golden Gate—Is the Latest Type of Sailing Vessel

The largest sailing craft in the world's shipping, the German five-masted bark R. C. Rickmers, is at San Francisco, having arrived a few days ago with 6,600 tons of coal from Newcastle. Much interest has been displayed by shipping men in the vessel, which, in addition to the large amount of sail which can be spread on her five masts, is equipped with auxiliary steam power, for use when she meets with calms or contrary winds. Of this arrangement Capt. Bandelan,

who is in command of the Rickmers, speaks in an enthusiastic manner and says that she has made most successful and economical voyages because of this equipment.

"There is nothing surprising in her success," said the captain, "because a sailing ship of the Rickmers' tonnage, with properly adjusted auxiliary power, should be economically efficient. The difficulty in the past has always been to properly fix the apportionment of power, and then to get interested people to believe in it."

Of late, few sailing ships have been built, owing to the cheapness of the cost of steamers, coupled with their capacity for handling cargo more quickly. Just now the cheapening of the cargo steamer has been checked through a rise in the price of shipbuilding material, caused principally by demands for steel in other industries.

This being the case, the record of a large sailing ship, with auxiliary power, is one of the utmost importance. To begin with, their cheaper first cost may beat the slow-going cargo steamer for speed.

The R. C. Rickmers began her ocean-going career on April 22, 1908, proceeding from Bremerhaven to New York. Taking the latter city as her port of departure, she made a round-trip voyage of two eastern ports and two ports in Europe. Then she completed the outward run to San Pedro. She had been at sea 295 days and during that time sailed or steamed 49,955 miles, an average of 169.6 miles per day. Then she covered the distance to Australia, and is now in this harbor with fuel. Although she has only been afloat for a short period, nearly 40,000 tons of cargo have been handled. Nothing could reflect more credit both on the captain and the ship.

The first passage of the ship from New York to Saigon was made in the excellent time of eighty-three days. Even better than that was a voyage made from Hamburg to San Pedro. This voyage, of course, necessitated the rounding of Cape Horn. The trip, too, was made at the most unfavorable season of the year, but it was completed in ninety-seven days. This accomplishment in itself demonstrates exclusively that at times the auxiliary engines were of great value in getting the ship through the water. The exact distance covered was 15,861 miles. The average speed was 163 miles per day, or 6.8 miles per hour. Of the total distance covered, 10,357 miles were made under full sail, the time thus consumed being a trifle over sixty days, or an average of 172.25 miles per day, or 7.18 miles per hour. With the propeller going, 6,504 miles were steamed in a trifle over thirty-seven days, an average speed of 148.6 miles per day, or 6.2 miles per hour.

Among the steerage passengers expected on the R. M. S. Empress of China, which is due on Monday, are the Otari family, a troupe of Japanese acrobats, who are being brought to the United States for theatrical purposes.

Great Closing of Stakes

New York, Dec. 31.—The greatest closing of stakes in the history of racing in America will take place next Thursday, when, under the agreement between the three great clubs that control racing at Sheephead Bay, Brighton Beach and Gravesend tracks, the entries for the big events of the season will be closed.

A total of sixty stakes form the spring meeting and ten additional events for later meetings will close on that day, the total value of the stakes so closed being only a trifle under \$60,000.

The Brooklyn handicap, the Suburban and the Brighton handicaps will be among the events closed.

The values of the Brooklyn and the Suburban have been raised this year to \$25,000, the value of the Brighton.

A dozen youths were rounded up in St. Catharines for having a cock fight Sunday night.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

This is the age of research and experiment, when man is constantly seeking new knowledge for the comfort and happiness of man. Science has indeed made giant strides during the past century and among the by no means least important discoveries in medicine comes that of

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which may certainly rank, with, if not take precedence of, many of the discoveries of our day, about which little or nothing has as yet been heard and the extensive advertising interest in hand that has been created for this medicine whenever introduced appears to prove that it is destined to cast into oblivion all those questionable remedies that formerly the sole reliance of most invalids. Therapiion is the principal chemist and merchants throughout the world.—Diamond Fields Advertiser, Kimberley.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

FORTY YEARS AGO

Owing to the increased cost of production, and the higher prices demanded for white paper, at many points on the continent of America newspapers are advancing their subscription rates. It seems to be the general tendency also to "cut out" the free list, which policy the Colonist inaugurated yesterday. Apropos of this new departure on the part of many newspapers, we observe the following paragraph in the Cranbrook Herald:

The Herald has carried a number of subscriptions year after year out of courtesy and good feeling without payment. This will have to cease at the beginning of the New Year. We have been "good fellow" as long as we can. If the cash is not forthcoming by February first these individuals will not receive the paper in the future. We have neither the capital nor the inclination to carry these individuals any longer, and no reasonable person would expect the proprietor of a paper to carry them indefinitely.

An opinion typical of the views of a large number of provincial newspapers in regard to the action of the government in wiping out the million dollar loan is thus expressed by the B. C. Mining Exchange:

The almost entire obliteration of the provincial indebtedness comprised in the million-dollar loan secured by the Provincial Government barely four years ago, is a most noteworthy testimony to the marked business ability with which Mr. McBride and his colleagues have administered the affairs of this province since they assumed the reins of power in 1903. In another column we give full details of the nature of this very satisfactory transaction, but we take this opportunity of congratulating the Provincial Government upon the gratifying result of its financial policy, which has enabled it to take a step so creditable to British Columbia's credit in the monetary world, especially at the present time.

In respect to one feature of "the most marvelous naval manoeuvre in all history," the people of the United States are divided into two distinct factions by an irreconcilable difference of opinion. Those whose interests lie with the Atlantic coast say that the navy must return to the point whence it sailed; and, on the other hand, those whose interest are in the west declare that the navy must remain on the Pacific, and that if the Atlantic needs a navy of its own another must be built. The Portland (Ore.) Evening Telegram puts it thus way:

That the maintenance of a world-power Navy is expensive and that the expense is a constantly increasing factor to be reckoned with, until it is difficult to tell where the process will stop, everyone understands. That it would be infinitely better if all nations would agree to disarmament or to the maintenance of a mere police power on the high-seas may be argued with logic acceptable to the highest humanitarianism. But nations will not so agree—at least there is no immediate prospect of their so doing. The most practical humanitarianism demands that each nation accept conditions as they are and not as they should be, according to commendable theory. The position of the United States is, therefore, clearly that of a greater navy-builder. It is our duty to maintain a navy sufficient for both oceans—a duty that is suggested with some emphasis by the cruise of the battle fleet, now steaming towards the Pacific on the most famous cruise in all naval history.

"A spasm of sympathetic pessimism" is the way the Winnipeg Telegram describes what has been the trouble with Manitoba and the other Prairie provinces for the past few months. This means, we anticipate, that they have been suffering from a temporary feeling of frigidity in the pedal extremities, or, in other words, have had a slight attack of "cold feet." However, it is very gratifying to be informed, as we are by the Telegram, that whatever the trouble was it has passed away. It says:

Alfred Nobel, whose memory receives its annual revival in the award of his munificent prizes, had, says the Daily Chronicle, little personal knowledge of England. He disliked our climate and cooking—in all London he found only one hotel and one restaurant where dinner was a possibility, and he qualified even this praise by describing their cuisine as "the least disagreeable" in England. A disappointment that he never got over was that he was not elected a member of the Royal Society, while his life-long weakness and nervous disposition and winter bronchitis made first Paris and then San Remo his chosen abode on his attainment of wealth. Only twice did Nobel ever visit the great high-explosive factory which he established in Scotland. In Paris he was to be seen daily huddled up in his rugs in his carriage driving to his laboratory outside the city. He had an extraordinary knowledge of languages, a distrust of lawyers—he made his own will—and when heart disease came upon him he wore a stethoscope to trace the irregularities of his pulse. Tiring easily with the pictures on his walls, he arranged with an art dealer to have his rooms hung with pictures on hire, returning them and receiving others in exchange as often as he liked. He took out 129 patents in England, and the invention to which he attached most importance was his artificial rubber, of which few people have ever heard, because his dynamite speaks so loudly for itself.

The many former residents of Winnipeg now living in Victoria will take a special interest in learning that a remarkably enthusiastic and successful public meeting was held at the former city the other day under the auspices of the Civic Industrial and Development association. There were nearly three thousand people present, and the speeches reflected an unbounded faith in the future of the prairie metropolis. Dealing with the significance of the gathering, the Telegram says:

Beyond the buoyant optimism of the speeches there was an earnestness in the conduct of the meeting, in the treatment of the various phases of the movement which the phrase "Forward, Winnipeg" conveys on the part of both platform and auditorium that was assuring beyond measure. It was a meeting largely of congratulation. It had nothing of the elements of "boom" and certainly nothing of doubt, uncertainty and dread. It was more than a gathering together of the best of Winnipeg to advance the interests of the city and of the citizens. It was a message to the world of the state of mind of Winnipeg, of its continued true and confidence in Western Canada, of which it is the metropolis. It is an enlivening sound of the watchword "Forward, Winnipeg," by those who know the West.

splashing everyone, they spied the laughing countenance of the triumphant Lord Charles.

Dr. Charles Eastman has just returned from the Pine Ridge reservation, South Dakota, where he has finished his work of giving new names to nearly thirty thousand Sioux Indians. Dr. Eastman himself is a full-blooded Sioux. The American government considered, the London Chronicle says, that its Indian wards would get on much better without the many-syllabled double-jointed names which they have always had; and now that many of the Indians enter commercial pursuits, their old names were somewhat of a burden to them. Names such as "Afraid-of-a-Bear," "Rain-in-the-face," "Big Black Raven with the White Eyes," "Many Lightnings," "Thunder-of-the-Woods," and similar ones have been turned into plain John, Charles, Walter and other names more in consonance with modern American titles.

BRITISH OPINION

London Morning Post.—If the Liberal Government can only find six or seven millions, could they not be laid out to better advantage in encouraging saving as a preliminary to compelling it? If there is to be discrimination is it not the fairest and cleanest way to let people do their discrimination themselves? Let the State begin by supplementing voluntary savings. An ideal scheme of old-age pensions would not begin with half measures. But assuming that the Government finds half measures necessary, that not all can be saved at once, it is a sound general rule of social reform not to waste energy in beginning at the bottom, but to begin at the top and work downwards. It is wise to help those who can do something for themselves before attacking those who are helpless or act helplessly. Those who wish to contrast the half-way house of non-contributory discrimination with that of automatic self-selection of the thrifty can't do better than consider the application of the rival plans to the proposal just made among the Leicestershire miners to introduce a voluntary scheme of old-age pensions for themselves. The effect of this proposal and of many like it now hangs in the balance. The prospect of a Government subsidy to this scheme would probably be a decisive element in favor of the proposal. The prospect of a Government scheme of old-age pensions discriminating against those who already have property or pension from elsewhere must be a direct discouragement to personal effort.

The London Tribune, referring to Canada's act of retaliation against the Australian tariff-mongers, says—it suggests a whole volume of fiscal reflections. It illustrates the preponderance of material over moral considerations in colonial politics. It exhibits shipping subsidies not only as a necessary encouragement of local industry, but as a weapon in the economic warfare which is an inevitable result of protectionists aiming incidentally it indicates the riskiness of such arrangements as are being pressed upon the Imperial Government by the authors of the "All-Red Route" project. It is a small specimen of the kind of strife in which we should be involved if England were ever to succumb to the blandishments of Mr. Balfour and his colleagues. It shows the folly of hoping to establish Imperial unity upon a policy of alternate bargains and "big revolver" play. Altogether it is one of the most enlightened episodes that have occurred since Mr. Chamberlain threw down his rash challenge to the ghost of the Masonic craft.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Lord Amphilis, who has been lecturing in Paris on "British Imperialism" before the members of the Ligue Coloniale Francaise, is a peer of remarkable powers, says M. A. F. Although but little over thirty-five he has held many important posts, the first of which was that of secretary to Mr. Chamberlain, for whom he entertains the highest admiration, as his public speeches have repeatedly testified. At the age of thirty-one, he was one of the youngest of British Pro-Consuls, performing the onerous duties of Governor of Madras so successfully that the King honored him with the G.C.S.I. He had the further distinction of acting for Lord Curzon, as understudy during the latter's absence from India in 1904. He is an Oxford man, and not only did he do well in sport but also in the schools. He was president of the Varsity boat club and of the union. He is a splendid oarsman, and in 1891 won one of the finest races ever seen at Henley.

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In the second instalment of her reminiscences in the Century, Lady Randolph Churchill (Mrs. George Cornwallis-West) mentions that up to 1834 carriages were allowed in Rotten Row, but now its tanned roadway is kept entirely for riders. The Duke of St Albans, hereditary Grand Falconer, however, has the privilege of driving through the Row if he chooses. Mrs. Cornwallis-West tells a story of Lord Charles Beresford, who accepted the wagers of some friends that he would drive up the Row without being molested by the police. But on the day fixed for the experiment the friends, who had豪red on mase to the Row, looked in vain for him, until in the much-abused driver of a water-cart, which was careering up and down

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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English Rugby in Alberta.

To the Sporting Editor of The Colonist: Sir—In your issue of today you do not seem to be aware of the fact that English Rugby football is played in Alberta. There are several clubs. Edmonton is considerably the strongest, and the game has taken on well. I had the pleasure of seeing Stanford play at Vancouver last Saturday and am confident the Alberta would give your game here good game. One or two games are arranged for next spring. A series of three or four matches played on the coast, by an Alberta team, would greatly help the game in the west.

J. C. RATTRAY,

Dominion Hotel, Dec. 31, 1907.

OBJECT TO SCHEDULE

Dissatisfaction of Shippers With New Arrangement for Weekly Sailings of Steamers

The new schedule of the Pacific Coast Steamship company for the winter months whereby a weekly sailing is to be given instead of once every five days is causing dissatisfaction. The Canada Ledger says:

Shippers do not complain of the amount of tonnage on the run, but of the steaming late. Private advices from San Francisco yesterday state that the schedule is unsatisfactory, while already in Tacoma and at Seattle shippers are beginning to murmur.

The cause of complaint is that the schedule of the Pacific Coast Steamship company is too close to that of its only competitor, the Alaska-Pacific Steamship company, operating the two fine oil-burning passenger and freight steamers, Watson and Buckman. This company will continue to run these vessels as heretofore, leaving Puget Sound and San Francisco at the same time each Saturday, 1 p.m.

Under the new arrangement it means all shipments from the Sound to San Francisco will have to be made on Friday and Saturday, while cargo from California will arrive each week on Monday and Tuesday. Thus there will be no San Francisco freight received between Tuesday and the following Monday, while nothing can be shipped to the south between Saturday and the following Friday. Shippers complain that this is unfair to them.

GUESTS AT CITY HOTELS

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Dr. R. B. Dier, Ladysmith. W. Gardner, Duncan. W. J. Watson, Ladysmith. J. K. Smith, Victoria. John S. D. Taylor, Field. Mc. McDonald, Paris. Mile. McDonald, Paris. H. D. Parigan, Paris. C. Solby, Vancouver. J. L. Parker, Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Berger, Portland, Ore.

J. A. Harvey, Cranbrook. W. L. Cummings, Seattle. H. M. C. Billingsley, Seattle. W. B. Sterling, Winnipeg. Capt. R. B. Murphy, Ireland. V. B. Murphy, Ireland. J. W. Moorhouse, Revelstoke. W. J. Graham, Vancouver. J. R. Stewart, Edmonton. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sloan, Nanaimo.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice and the said creditor will not be liable for the said debts or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

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Paris, January 1.—According to reports sent out by the French consul in Amsterdam diamond cutters of that city are undergoing a severe crisis of their own as a direct result of the recent financial stringency in the United States.

Amsterdam, which formerly had a monopoly of the diamond-cutting trade, is still the most important centre of that business in the world. It employs annually 9,500 experts, all men, in this trade alone, not including the apprentices. Their salaries make a total of \$5,500,000 a year.

America, which had in recent years come to be America's best market, disappeared from the books of the diamond merchants this year almost completely. Three of the largest establishments which worked exclusively for the American trade shut down last week, throwing over 800 men out of work. Other establishments are reducing their forces.

**PAST YEAR'S TRADE
IN UNITED STATES**

Industrial Activity Severely Checked in Closing Months By Panic

New York, Dec. 31.—According to R. G. Dunn & Co.'s annual review of trade, to be published tomorrow, the year 1907 started off most auspiciously as regards commercial, industrial and agricultural conditions, and for nearly ten months the year was almost a record-breaker in all lines of business activity, but the paper will say conditions changed radically during the last weeks of 1907. The financial disturbances that started in last October unsettled confidence, currency commanded a premium, and plans for future extensions of business were abandoned or postponed. Failures were larger than at any time since the crisis of the last decade, and a number of banks closed, some of them only temporarily. Orders were cancelled and new contracts came to the mills so slowly that forces were reduced and production materially curtailed. This condition culminated at the end of the year. Restoration of normal conditions, it is stated, depends upon easier money and a revival of confidence, both of which seem nearer than at any time since October.

The review proceeds: "Probably the year might have ended without any seasonally high quotations for money had it not been for the heavy withdrawals of deposits from large trust companies that precipitated a season of hoarding". No accurate figures are available regarding the extent of this movement, but it is estimated by well-posted bankers that there were drawn from the New York banks alone deposits amounting to \$125,000,000, and perhaps four times as much throughout the country.

Insolvencies were not unusually numerous in 1907, despite some increase in the last quarter, but as the year advanced there were more defaults of exceptional extent and difficulties in the fourth quarter exceeded those of any three months' period since 1893.

Changes in the iron and steel industry during 1907 were more striking than elsewhere, particularly in respect to the volume of production. During the early part of the year there was a gradual increase in output until the high point was reached on July 1, with an output of 525,170 tons of pig iron per week. From this point moderate decreases occurred until towards the end of the year it was estimated that not more than thirty-three per cent. of the entire iron and steel capacity was in operation. The leading interest in this industry had great confidence in the future, because at no time was work suspended on the plant at Gary.

"Although in many cases the size of the crops in 1907 fell below some preceding years, high prices made the return to the farmer much larger than ever before. Adding the value of common meats, dairy products, poultry, eggs, and all other items raised by the agriculturist, the year's total attains the phenomenal value of \$7,400,000,000. The year has been characterized as a period of retrenchment in the shoe trade, and prices have undergone adjustment from the top rates that prevailed late in 1906. Shoe wholesalers throughout the country for several years have been so assured of an outlet that they have felt warranted in buying liberally each successive season, but during 1907 they adopted a conservative policy. This change was first manifested early in the year, and at a time when retailers were still disposed to purchase freely. That course was well founded, however, was shown later in the year when the money conditions had the inevitable effect of restricting business in all departments of the shoe industry to practically a minimum."

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Retail Prices

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Flour.

Royal Household, a bag.....	\$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag.....	\$2.00
Royal Standard	\$2.00
Wild Rose, per bag	\$1.75
Calgary, a bag	\$2.00
Garrison, per bbl.	\$1.75
Snowflake, a bag	\$1.75
Snowflake, per bbl.	\$6.30

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IN UNITED STATES**

Moffat's Best, per sack \$2.00
Moffat's Best, per bbl. \$1.75
Drifted Snow, per sack \$1.75
Three Star, per sack \$2.00
Footstuffs.

Bran, per ton	\$30.00
Shorts, per ton	\$32.00
Feed Wheat, per ton	\$42.00
Oats, per ton	\$37.00
Barley, per ton	\$31.00
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	\$25.00
Cornmeal, per ton	\$38.00
Chop Feed, best, per ton	\$27.00
Whole Corn, best, per ton	\$36.00
Middlings, per ton	\$30.00

Vegetables.

Celery, Four heads 25 |

Lettuce, hot house, 3 heads 10 |

Garlic, per lb. 6 |

Onions, local, per lb. 6 |

Tomatoes, outdoor, 3 lbs. 25 |

Potatoes, local, per sack 1.75 |

Sweet Potatoes, new, 4 lbs. 10 to 25 |

Vegetable marrow, each 3 |

Green peppers, each 3 |

Chili pepper, per lb. 30 |

Squash, per lb. 30 |

Pumpkins, per lb. 4 |

Cabbage, local, per lb. 15 to 25 |

Red Cabbage, per lb. 5 |

Dairy Produce.

Eggs— 70 |

Fresh Island, per dozen 40 |

Cooking, per dozen 40 |

Cheese.

Neufchatel, each 25 |

Cream, local, each 10 |

Butter.

Madison, per lb. 35 |

Delta, dairy, per lb. 50 |

Victoria Creamery, per lb. 50 |

Cowichan Creamery, per lb. 50 |

Butter, cooking, per lb. 30 |

Fruit.

Quince, per lb. 10 |

Grape, Fruit, per dozen 1.00 |

Oranges, per dozen 30 to 40 |

Lemons, per dozen 10 |

Figs, cooking, per lb. 8 to 12 |

Apples, local, per box 2.00 to 2.25 |

Bananas, per dozen 35 |

Figs, table, per lb. 75 |

Raisins, table, per lb. 25 to 35 |

Friday and Saturday Will be the Men's Days at Our Great January Clearance Sale

REMEMBER

that we are just as particular at sales times as at any other time, that our customers should be satisfied with their purchases.

We have used our utmost energy to make this sale an event long to be remembered by the men folk, and in it we are presenting savings of the most liberal character. Friday and Saturday will break all previous records, and although this sale carries on throughout the month it is well to be here at the start, as it gives you every opportunity to select the best article most suited to your needs. You'll find January sales tickets that fairly shout "money saving" to you. In fact we can't emphasize too strongly the tremendous benefits that will accrue to you in buying at this sale, and we are persistent in our determination to put this sale on a higher point in business volume than any of its predecessors.

Men's High-Grade Fit-Rite Suits At Great Underpricings—Read

These stylish suits are made by Canada's most reliable tailors' and are free from all flaws. The advantage of buying one of these fine suits is not alone in the saving, but also in the quality of goods and the excellence of workmanship. The materials that are used in their construction are all carefully selected, and are direct from the foremost English and Scotch mills



Men's Fine Fit-Rite Suits

Reg. \$20 to \$27.50 for \$15.75

These are made of the very best imported Tweeds and Worsted, in the season's very latest style effects, all prettily tailored, and come in both single and double breasted styles. They are just the kind that has made Fit-Rite Clothing famous. The regular values were \$20.00 to \$27.50, but in this January sale we have marked them down

\$15.75

Men's Fine Fit-Rite Suits

Reg. \$15 and \$20 for \$11.75

These are indeed splendid offerings which you cannot afford to overlook. They are made of tweeds and worsteds, thoroughly correct in style and well tailored. Regular \$15.00 to \$20.00 for

\$11.75

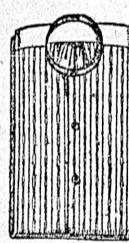
Men's Suits for \$6.75

This line of clothing is from our regular stock, and in order to close these lines quickly we have made some startling reductions. They are made of good quality tweeds and worsteds, and come in the very latest style effects. Regular prices were \$10.00 and \$12.50. January sale

\$6.75

Remarkable Bargains in Men's Pique and Flannel Shirts

Regular Values up to \$2.75 for 75c



Men's Fancy Flannel Shirts, turnover cuffs, in striped effects, a very popular shirt, is of good wearing qualities. Regular price \$1.75. January sale price 75¢
Men's Fancy Striped Shirts, with cuffs attached. Regular \$1.25. January sale price, each 75¢
Men's Fancy Shirts, with stripes running across bosoms, extra fine quality, cuffs attached. Regular \$1.00. January sale price, each 75¢
Men's Fancy Shirts, in very neat patterns, spottet effects, detached cuffs. Regular \$1.00. January sale price, each 75¢

Splendid Bargains in Men's Underwear

Underwear fit for all seasons at prices that you will gladly pay, is the leading feature here.

Undershirts and Drawers Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 for \$1.00

Drawers, very heavy unshrinkable, strictly high grade underwear, very warm. Regular price, per garment, \$1.25 and \$1.50. January sale \$1.00
Men's Heavy Ribbed Undershirts and Drawers, in natural wool, unshrinkable, well finished, good wearing quality. Regular price, per garment, \$1.50. January sale \$1.00
Men's Heavy Wool Undershirts and Drawers, very soft, smooth finish. Regular price, per garment, \$1.50. January sale \$1.00

Men's Suspenders Go Down

This lot includes a large stock of Men's Working Suspenders, extra strong and are marked at exceptionally low figures.

20 dozen extra heavy working Suspenders.	Regular 25c. January sale price	15c
15 dozen French Working Braces. Regular value 25c. January sale price		15c

Splendid Savings on Men's Handkerchiefs

60 Dozen Men's Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs. Regular price \$1.50 per dozen. January Sale Price, each 10c

20 dozen extra heavy working Suspenders.	Regular 25c. January sale price	15c
15 dozen French Working Braces. Regular value 25c. January sale price		15c

Money-Savers Are These Items:

In Men's Pants, We Have Some Exceptionally Good Bargains

Men's Pants, Reg. \$4.50 and \$5.75, for \$3.75

These are made of extra good quality tweeds and worsteds, very strongly constructed, and are bargains that do not come your way very often. Regular prices were \$4.50 and \$5.75. Sale price \$3.75

Men's Pants, Reg. \$3.50 and \$4, for \$2.50

A splendid line in tweeds and worsteds are offered at smart reductions. Regular values \$3.50 and \$4.00. Sale price, per pair \$2.50

Men's Overalls, Reg. 75c and 90c, for 65c

Men's Overalls, in blues, blacks and greys. Regular values 75c and 90c. Sale price 65c

Men's Moleskin Pants, 75c

Men's Moleskin Pants, made very strongly, regular price \$1.00. Sale price 75c

Men's Cottonade Pants, 65c

Men's Cottonade Pants, regular value 90c. January sale price 65c

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Men's High-Grade Overcoats for \$16.75

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Men's Toppers

Reg. \$12.50 and \$15 for \$7.75

In this sale we are including a splendid range of men's fine Toppers, in all the most up-to-date and desired materials. These are splendid bargains, and should interest every man wishing a well tailored and smart appearing topper, and we are safe in saying that the men's ready-to-wear section will be an extremely busy one during this sale, with such values as these. Regular prices were \$12.00 and \$15.00. Sale price \$7.75

Men's Socks Marked Extremely Low

Men's Plain Ribbed Cotton Sox, in black. Reg. 12½c per pair. January sale price	10c
Men's Heavy Black Ribbed Wool Sox, regular 25c. January sale price, per pair	20c
Men's Heavy Worsted Sox, dark grey, white heel and toe, extra good quality. Reg. 20c per pair. January sale, 3 prs. for	50c
Men's Heavy Grey Natural Wool Sox, white heel and toe. Reg. 20c per pair. January sale price	15c
Men's Light-weight Wool Sox, white heel and toe, good quality. Regular price, per pair, 15c. January sale price	10c

A Value Climax in Men's Footwear

Regular Values up to \$6.00 for \$2.50

The Boot and Shoe Department comes to the front in this great sale with extraordinary price concessions. Every man will do well by laying in a good stock at these prices, which afford you unrestricted choice to get shoes that will satisfy you.

Men's Tan Russia Calf, Blucher cut, Lace Boot, welt sole, medium heel, Fenway last (American, New York). Regular \$6.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Velour Calf, Blucher cut, Lace Boot, dull kid top, welt sole, medium heel. Regular \$5.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Box Calf, Blucher Lace Boots, heavy sole, Reg. \$3.75. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Velour Calf, Blucher cut, Lace Boot, double sole, calfskin lined. Regular \$5.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Box Calf, Blucher Lace Boots, welt sole. Regular \$4.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Gun Metal Calf, Blucher Lace Boot, welt sole, Piccadilly last. Reg. \$6.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Whole Foxed Standard Lace Boots, plain toe, no box. Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Box Calf, Blucher Lace Boots, heavy sole, Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

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Men's Whole Fox, Standard Lace Boot, regular \$3.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Calf, Blucher Lace Boot, medium heel, dull kid top. Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Box Calf Lace Boot, welt sole. Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Box Calf Blucher Lace Boots, medium sole. Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Kangaroo Blucher Lace Boots, medium sole. Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Tan Calf Blucher, Oil-grained Lace Boot, Hobo last, American make, welt sole. Reg. \$6.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Kangaroo Lace Boot, whole fox, goodyear welt sole, Tech last, American make. Reg. \$5.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Kangaroo Blucher Lace Boots, whole fox, goodyear welt sole, Tech last, American make. Reg. \$5.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Kid Lace Boots, welt sole, medium heel. Regular \$4.00. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Vici Kid Lace Boots, lined, welt sole. Reg. \$4.50. Sale price \$2.50

Men's Kangaroo Blucher Lace Boots, medium sole. Reg. \$5.50. Sale price \$2.50

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